Washington – Today, the NOH8 campaign released images of Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-3) and others from its first-ever “NOH8 on the Hill” photo shoot.

NOH8 is a photographic silent protest against California’s Proposition 8 banning same-sex marriage. Blumenauer released the following statement to accompany the photo campaign:

"On the same week that Maryland and Washington stepped up for marriage equality, I stood with NOH8 in solidarity with those who are fighting Prop 8 in California. Gay and lesbian Americans are part of the fabric that makes this country strong. The notion that we could ask these men and women to do everything from paying taxes to serving our country in uniform while denying them the right to marry is offensive to everything I believe in as a public servant. I won’t stop working for equal rights in Congress until they have been extended to every American."

Congressman Blumenauer is a proud member of the LGBT Equality Caucus in the House of Representatives. More information on Blumenauer's efforts in support of LGBT equality can be found on his website .