WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio is pleased to announce that he is accepting submissions to represent Oregon's 4th Congressional District in the Annual Congressional Art Competition. The winning piece of art from each congressional district will be put on display as part of the national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the United States Capitol, and will be on display until May 2010. The art exhibit is a highlight for the hundreds of thousands of visitors to the U.S. Capitol each year.

"The competition is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for aspiring young artists to gain experience showing their work," DeFazio said. "I'm excited to see what the talented young artists of southwest Oregon have to offer this year."

The competition is open only to high school students. DeFazio’s office recently sent a letter to each high school in the fourth congressional district with the competition guidelines and entry forms. Any high school student in the district may submit artwork for consideration. The piece must be two dimensional, framed and original in concept, design and execution. Submissions are due in DeFazio’s Eugene office by May 8, 2009. Contact DeFazio’s Eugene office at 1-800-944-9603 for more detailed information such as framing guidelines.