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Portland Business Alliance Delegates Return from Annual Federal Policy Trip

Transportation investments, technology, and workforce development were the key themes of the Portland Business Alliance delegation which journeyed to Washington, D.C. last week.

Thirty-one business representatives and political leaders joined this fifth annual Alliance leadership trip to present a unified voice on key issues that affect the region's economic vitality. The delegation was led by Alliance Board Chair Judy Pepler.

The Alliance delegation met with members of the Portland area congressional delegation including Representatives David Wu, Greg Walden, Brian Baird, Darlene Hooley, Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio, and Oregon senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden. The delegation also met with the following representatives of the Administration:

- Tyler Duval, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, USDOT
- Sean O'Hollaren, Special Assistant to the President for Congressional Affairs
- Christopher Padilla, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Charlie Cook, Editor and Publisher of *The Cook Report*, served as the keynote speaker during a dinner on May 3.

The annual leadership trip presents the Oregon and Southwest Washington congressional delegation a valuable opportunity to emphasize for their colleagues the broad regional support and importance our leading business and elected leaders have placed on these key economic-development issues.

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