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**WAYNE MORSE
LEGACY SERIES**

Commemorating the
50th anniversary
of the Gulf of Tonkin
Resolution

 *Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics*

- MEDIA ADVISORY -

Congress, War Powers and Counterterrorism

June 11, 2014

To register for this event, please RSVP [here](#).

Senator Wayne Morse voted against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1964 on constitutional and moral grounds, arguing that Congress was ceding its constitutional duty to declare war to the executive. He claimed that the resolution "embodies a pre-dated declaration of war" and correctly predicted a "long and bloody war" that the country would regret.

In this event, a panel of experts will discuss the echoes of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, particularly current issues surrounding war powers decision-making in the context of U.S. counterterrorism operations.

The Wayne Morse Legacy Series is sponsored by the University of Oregon Wayne Morse

Center for Law and Politics, the University of Oregon, the Oregon Historical Society, the World Affairs Council of Oregon and The Constitution Project.

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

5:00 PM Panel Discussion

6:30 PM Reception

The event is free to the public

WHO:

[Representative Peter DeFazio](#) of Oregon's Fourth District

[Louis Fisher](#), Scholar in Residence, The Constitution Project

[Stephen Vladeck](#), American University Washington College of Law

[Garrett Epps](#) (Moderator), University of Baltimore School of Law

*Introduction by [Senator Ron Wyden](#) of Oregon

Honorary Hosts

Senator Ron Wyden

Senator Jeff Merkley

Representative Peter DeFazio

Representative Earl Blumenauer

Representative Greg Walden

Representative Kurt Schrader

Representative Suzanne Bonamici

Representative Barbara Lee

WHERE:

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C.

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