Media Advisory

Congress, War Powers and Counterterrorism
June 11, 2014

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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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