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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on your second "Flight for Freedom." That you are choosing to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy with another trip to New York City just confirms your resolve and is indicative of the generous spirit of Oregonians.

The first flight was an historic event, and made me proud to represent the people of Oregon. In those uncertain times directly after 9/11, you chose to take positive steps to help the citizens of New York. Like the original "Flight for Freedom," you are once again sending a clear and powerful message to the American people that New York City is a safe place to visit, helping to boost the local economy and put New York City back on its feet.

Again, I thank you for all your hard work. I wish you great success on the 2006 Flight!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

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