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Representative Peter DeFazio (D, OR-4) has [announced he will not seek reelection](#) in 2022, citing a desire to focus on his health and well-being.

Rep. DeFazio is currently serving his 17th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is the dean of the Oregon House delegation. He has developed a reputation as an independent, passionate, and effective lawmaker. During the 116th Congress alone, Rep. DeFazio brought home more than \$55.8 million in federal funding for regional infrastructure projects.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he has fought tirelessly for our region's and nation's waterways, most prominently securing full use of annual Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund receipts; more funding for small, donor and energy transfer ports; and starting to spend down the \$10 billion HMTF surplus.

Rep. DeFazio and his wife Myrnie live in Springfield. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tufts University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Oregon. He previously worked as a gerontologist, and served as a Lane County commissioner.

Since the very beginning of Rep. DeFazio's long tenure in the House, PNWA has had an outstanding relationship with the Congressman. It is impossible to fully capture the positive impact Rep. DeFazio has had on our region. PNWA honored Rep. DeFazio as our 2008 Legislator of the Year, and has named him our 2021 recipient as well. We look forward to presenting the Chairman with this award, thanking him for his many contributions to our region's waterways, and wishing him a very happy retirement during our Mission to Washington in March 2022.





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