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WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today announced he is accepting entries for the Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students. To solicit entries, DeFazio has sent letters with the competition guidelines and entry forms to high schools in his congressional district. Any high school student in the Fourth Congressional District may submit artwork for consideration.

"The competition is a unique opportunity for young artists to gain experience showing their work," said DeFazio. "I have been very impressed with past entries, and I look forward to seeing more great work from young Oregon artists enter this year. I encourage aspiring artists to enter."

The annual Congressional High School Art Competition is coordinated by Members of Congress. Each year, Members conduct local art competitions in their districts. The winning piece of art from each district is put on display as part of the national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the United States Capitol, in Washington, D.C.. Since the competition was first launched in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. The annual display of art from the competition is one of the most popular sites in the Capitol with tourists and other visitors.

Artwork may consist of paintings, collages, mixed media, photography or even computer generated art. Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution. The artwork must arrive at DeFazio's Eugene District office by Friday, April 30, to be considered.

High school students, parents, or teachers may contact DeFazio's office at 1-800-944-9603 to obtain guidelines and entry forms.