

(*Washington*) - Today **Congressman John B. Larson** made the following statement during a U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee hearing on the debt ceiling:

"The American people deserve the certainty that Congress will not play hostage politics with their pensions and their 401ks," said Congressman Larson. "While it is crucial that we find ways to deal with our national debt, we cannot forget the impact of holding the future of our economy hostage. We must remember how our actions will affect our cities and towns, like East Hartford, Connecticut, where I was recently told that if we cannot provide some certainty again, they will be forced to go out to the bond market in this very difficult time.

"It is my hope that both sides of the aisle will work together to take away this uncertainty, and take the debt ceiling off the table."

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