

(Washington) - Today **Congressman John B. Larson** announced he will be the co-chairman of the Congressional Joint Strike Fighter Caucus in the 113th Congress. First launched in 2011, the bi-partisan caucus is charged with garnering support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program and keeping members informed on issues related to the programs development, testing and deployment.

"The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is on the forefront of our military capability," said Congressman Larson. "Powered by engines made right in East Hartford, Connecticut, the F-35 has garnered worldwide attention as a game changer in defense. Now more than ever, in the face of the sequester and our efforts to strengthen international security, we must continue to fight for programs like the F-35. This program alone employs tens of thousands of highly skilled workers across the country who, when coupled with our brave men and women in uniform, will help continue our legacy as the preeminent military power. I look forward to working with my co-chair and the founder of the JSF Caucus, Congresswoman Kay Granger, to ensure that every member of the House understands the importance of this critical national security program."

"I'd like to welcome Rep. Larson as the new Co-Chair of the Joint Strike Fighter Caucus, and I look forward to working with him. Our partnership reflects the bipartisan support for the Joint Strike Fighter in Congress. Together, we will work with our colleagues to ensure that this vital program continues to move forward and the United States and our partners maintain air superiority around the world," said Congresswoman Granger.

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