(*Hartford*) – **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement today on the nomination of **Gina McCarthy** to head the Environmental Protection Agency:

"When President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address, he spoke to the importance of addressing climate change and reducing pollution. As Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Gina McCarthy worked tirelessly to protect Connecticut's environment and helped develop the type of forward thinking policies that ensured future generations would enjoy our natural resources for years to come. With experience in both Connecticut and Massachusetts, Gina has demonstrated a great sense of the important issues facing New England and has continued to show her commitment to protecting our environment as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation.

"As a leader in her efforts to improve air quality across the country, Gina has worked successfully with both Democrats and Republicans to improve environmental and public health policy. I am thrilled that she has been nominated to head the Environmental Protection Agency, and know that her dedication, experience and expertise make her an outstanding choice for this position."

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