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OBAMA MEETS WITH HOUSE DEM CAUCUS; LARSON RESPONSE

Washington, DC - Senator Barack Obama met with the House Democratic Caucus today. Following the meeting, Congressman John B. Larson *(CT-01)*, Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, said:

"Senator Barack Obama is a hope monger. His enthusiasm and spirit lifted the House Democratic Caucus to its feet for a standing ovation on more than one occasion.

He spoke of unity and resiliency in this critical moment of American history.

He held up the promise of a better future.

But, most importantly he talked about the hard work that will be required from all of us not just to win the election this November but to turn that victory into substantive policies that help the American people.

He laid out goals and plans on issues from health care, transportation and energy to Iran and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, he humbly said that he couldn't take credit

for the 200,000 person crowd that gathered to see him in Berlin.

They were there to see a symbol of the hope and promise that America could be restored to its past greatness on the world stage.

"I look forward to working with a President Obama come January to move ahead with the change this country so badly needs."

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