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**Larson: House Approves Funding for the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center**

**Washington, D.C.** - Today, the House of Representatives passed broad legislation that makes targeted investments in our nation's natural and cultural resources. Included in the legislation was \$150,000 in funding, supported by U.S. Congressman John B. Larson, to preserve the home and historical collections at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is the celebrated author of the antislavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin, the 19<sup>th</sup> century bestseller. Her 1871 home and the center has over 200,000 artifacts and documents and holds the collection of materials of important themes of 19<sup>th</sup> century America including the women suffrage movement and slavery. The Center's archives are also utilized by local and international scholars, including recent Pulitzer Prize recipients.

**“As a former history teacher, I believe it is important to ensure that future generations understand the history that came before them. Harriet Beecher Stowe was truly a remarkable woman, whose writing of social justice positively altered the very landscape of our nation. I’m proud our state and the City of Hartford are home to a rich history, and we must continue to protect it by fostering greater access to our cultural past,”** said Congressman Larson.

The Interior Appropriations Act makes key investments in protecting the nation's environment and supporting historical conservation. Also, the bill supports projects of excellence for the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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