WASHINGTON – Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) released the following statement today on the March Jobs Report released by the Department of Labor:

“Today’s jobs report is no April Fools’ joke - the private sector grew for the 13th straight month, adding 216,000 jobs and reducing unemployment to its lowest level in two years - but for the millions of unemployed Americans, I’m sure it felt like a bad one.

“Locally, Pratt & Whitney has been on an impressive winning streak: beginning with the next-generation tanker deal, the launch of Space Shuttle Discovery, the decision to end the Joint Strike Fighter’s alternate engine program and, most recently, a deal to provide Indian airline IndiGo with 300 turbofan engines. These various accomplishments and deals will provide a new generation of jobs for our friends, family members and neighbors throughout the community.

“Despite today’s good news we need to do better. There’s no question that we have to address the deficit, but we’ve got to do it in a way that creates jobs, keeps the economy growing, and protects American families. I stand ready to continue to fight for just that.”

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