

*WASHINGTON, DC* – U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) joined with 124 Democratic colleagues to send a letter to Speaker John Boehner stressing the importance of protecting the essential operating budget of the Social Security Administration (SSA).

H.R.1, the Republican spending bill passed by the House, cut the SSA's operating budget by \$1.7 billion below the level needed to maintain basic service to the public.

In reference to the letter Larson said:

“Social Security is a public trust – dismantling it is not an option. The proposed cuts in the Republican budget are simply a continuation of the GOP’s full frontal assault on Social Security, working class families and our current and future seniors in order to protect their millionaire constituency. Social Security didn't cause the current deficit and the services provided by SSA are critical to the day-to-day lives of millions of American seniors. The proposed social security cuts would actually cost taxpayers money by failing to fully fund SSA’s fight against waste, fraud, and abuse. As I said after this year’s State of the Union Address, in order to invest for our future, we must take responsibility for our current deficit and make the necessary cuts to prioritize our overall goal of making a stronger, smarter, more competitive America. I applaud President Obama for his pledge to not accomplish this by privatizing social security or by placing the burden on the backs of our current and future seniors.”

[Click here to read the letter to Speaker Boehner.](#)