

*HARTFORD* – Congressman John Larson (CT-01) will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday morning to celebrate the expansion of the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT)'s Advanced Manufacturing center and host an interactive forum at the University of Hartford's Konover Campus Center on cutting the national deficit that evening.

The CCAT Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) employs over 60 people and is comprised of three different laboratories: Laser Applications, Machining Applications and Modeling & Simulation Optics. With the expansion of the AMC, CCAT will be able to host workshops to educate and keep manufacturers apprised of new technologies and best practices. The United Technologies-CCAT partnership has also succeeded in addressing major manufacturing and supply chain-related issues throughout the years.

During the evening's interactive forum on deficit reduction, members of the community will have an opportunity to break up into groups and create their own mock federal budget where they will decide which programs to cut and which to preserve, while exploring different options on how to pay for them. Following the completion of their individual budgets participants will have an opportunity to present their plan to Congressman Larson and the rest of the forum attendees.

Over the past several decades, our national debt has grown to more than \$14 trillion.

Democrats and Republicans in Washington have proposed different ways to cut the deficit. This forum will highlight the difficult choices each party faces as it develops a responsible, balanced budget.

The CCAT ceremony is by invitation only, but the budget forum is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

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**WHAT:** Congressman Larson to attend CCAT ribbon cutting to celebrate the expansion of Advanced Manufacturing Center.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 9:15 a.m.

**WHERE:** Campus of UTRC  
409 Silver Lane  
East Hartford, CT 06118

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**WHAT:** Congressman Larson to host interactive forum on cutting the deficit

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Konover Campus Center  
University of Hartford  
200 Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
Free Parking in Lot "F"

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