

*HARTFORD* –Congressman John Larson was at the University of Hartford’s Konover Campus Center last night for a public conversation about American foreign policy. With over 60 in attendance for the two and half hour forum, Larson fielded dozens of questions on topics ranging from Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya to trade agreements and defense spending.

“As a member of Congress, I believe it’s extremely important to regularly hear from my constituents on the most important issues of the day,” Congressman Larson said. “With tough budget choices being debated in Congress at the same time that we maintain over 300,000 American servicemen and women stationed all over the world and continue operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, it’s important to have a conversation on the current state of our foreign policy and what direction we want to go in the future. I’m glad so many people came out for the discussion last night.”

Last week President Obama announced plans to drawdown American forces in Afghanistan, bringing 30,000 soldiers home by the summer of 2012.

In addition to spirited discussions over America’s military involvement abroad, many attendees expressed concern over care for returning Veterans.

“Since the September 11, 2001 military attacks the only portion of the population we have called upon to sacrifice is those that wear the uniform,” said Congressman Larson. “As our brave men and women return home we must ensure that they have the care and support needed to transition back to civilian life.”

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