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WASHINGTON – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** released the following statement today after House Republicans voted to eliminate the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and the Election Assistance Commission:

“At this moment when we are in the middle of a national debate about whether our government will work for all Americans, or just the wealthiest few, House Republicans voted today to make it easier for big money and special interests to maintain an outsized influence.

“Their vote not only creates a system that favors wealthy, self-financing candidates but also strips out safeguards that were created to ensure fair voting access for all Americans.

“On the heels of the Supreme Court's decision that corporations are people too, lawmakers should be working hard to decrease the amount of money in politics, not ripping away the few protections that are left.

"That's why I introduced the Fair Elections Now Act, which will force candidates to focus on gathering support from average Americans instead of spending their days dialing for dollars. That's the kind of common sense reform we should be focused on to restore public confidence in our government."

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