

WASHINGTON – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** released the following statement today on the omnibus appropriations bill that will fund the federal government through FY 2012.

“This bill, while far from perfect, is a product of compromise and is a dramatic improvement over what was initially proposed by House Republicans. I want to congratulate Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Norm Dicks on being able to reach a compromise.

“Gone from this bill are provisions that would have gutted last year’s landmark Wall Street Reform legislation as well as rules that would have halted the implementation of critical provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Instead this bill offers increased funding for measures critical to Connecticut such as job training, employment programs and disaster relief. Additionally, the bill provides funding for the F35 Joint Strike Fighter project, which is poised to deliver significant manufacturing jobs to the state.

“With this vote behind us, it’s time for Congress to finally focus on the number one issue facing our country: job creation.

“As we enter 2012, I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress, as well as President Obama, to pass a jobs agenda and middle class tax relief that will help get the nation back to work.”

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