(*Hartford*) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement on the Department of Labor's August employment report. The U.S. economy added 96,000 jobs, including 103,000 private sector jobs, and the unemployment rate shrank to 8.1 percent:

"This past week Americans have been provided with a clear choice between continued action to boost growth and economic prosperity or returning to the failed policies that landed us in this crisis in the first place.

"While this jobs report is heading in the right direction, there is much more work that has to be done in Congress to remove the uncertainty that is hampering growth. Congress must work together to pass jobs bills that get the American public back to work and return our economy to prosperity. The House Republicans have made this task difficult, if not impossible, by not only refusing to work with the President and House Democrats, but by also rarely having the House in session. We need to be working for the American people instead of taking vacations.

"House Democrats call for Congress to act on behalf of the American people and get this country back to work. The Republican strategy of politics and obstructionism over action demonstrates a lack of leadership and a continued disregard for the most vulnerable members of our society. This is not the path forward, we must take further action."

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