(*Washington*) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement today on the Republican leadership's decision to leave town without reaching a solution for the fiscal cliff:

"For over a year we've asked House Republicans to bring up the President's jobs bill.

"For months we've asked House Republicans to prevent a middle class tax hike.

"For weeks we've asked House Republicans to find compromise on the fiscal cliff.

"Now the Republican leaders have sent the House home because of their inability to compromise within their Conference.

"Speaker Boehner is an honorable man and he knows we all must work together to avoid taking every American over the fiscal cliff. It's time to unite behind the President and demonstrate to the world that we can still govern."

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