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HARTFORD—U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) plans to bring members of the Connecticut Congressional Delegation together next week, including the offices of Senators Dodd and Lieberman, to explore the historical and development possibilities for the Coltsville area in Hartford. Larson and members of the delegation will discuss the range of options available to bring all possible federal resources to bear to preserve, enhance and develop the property, including seeking a possible historical designation for Coltsville from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Larson stated: "Along with other members of the delegation, I am committed to preserving and cultivating Coltsville's immeasurable historical value, as well as ensuring that every avenue of development and improvement for the area is explored. The history of Coltsville is a history of industry in central Connecticut, beginning with Samuel and Elizabeth Colt, then Pope manufacturing production of bicycles and automobiles, and finally blooming into what we now know as Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford.

"Coltsville is a unique regional and international landmark. I look forward to working with the delegation in seeking a possible historical designation from the Interior Department as well as continuing to work with all interested parties to utilize the immense potential that the property holds," said Larson.

The actions on behalf of the property are part of an ongoing effort to reinvigorate and develop growth in the area. In 1999, Larson secured a \$2 million grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) to improve and renovate parts of the area infrastructure, including exterior facade, windows, roofing, and utilities such as electrical, plumbing and HVAC upgrades.

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