

LARSON: FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$20 MILLION FROM OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 23, 2004

LARSON: FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$20 MILLION FROM OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

HARTFORD- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) today announced that the First Congressional District is set to receive a total of \$20 million in funding through the omnibus appropriations passed by the House over the weekend.

"I am proud that we have been able to secure this critical support for our cities and towns that will help fund a variety of projects important to the region," said Larson. "This was a very tight budget year and unfortunately not every need could be met, but we successfully worked together to ensure that as many First District priorities as possible received the funding they needed. From economic development, to transportation, to education, to infrastructure, we have been able to bring much needed dollars home for Connecticut."

The following is a list of projects and funding specifically for the City of Hartford:

- \$9 million for Adriaens Landing in Hartford
- \$3 million for Coltsville Corridor Development - developing roads to improve the connectivity of the Colt redevelopment project with Hartford, Adriaen's landing, and the CT River.
- \$500,000 for Hartford bus facility rehabilitation
- \$4 million for Hartford/New Britain Busway
- \$221,250 to the University of Hartford for renovations to the Hartt Performing Arts Center and equipment and technology.
- \$500,000 for the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford for costs associated with restoration and development.
- \$1 million for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center

"I would like to thank Congressman Larson for his tireless dedication in securing millions of dollars in funding which will allow the City of Hartford to continue on a path of progress for the 21st century. The funding for these development projects exemplifies a targeted investment in our City and our Congressman understands that the time is now," stated Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez.

The following is a list of projects and funding for other municipalities in the First District:

- \$500,000 to the City of Southington for the Southington Water Supply Improvement project.
- \$300,000 for the City of Bristol for water infrastructure improvements.
- \$250,000 for Foodshare, Inc. for the construction of a new distribution center.
- \$400,000 to the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies in Wethersfield for the Empowering People for Success welfare-to-work initiative.
- \$400,000 to the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy in East Hartford for a Spanish studies program and a Library of International Studies.

###