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WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative John B. Larson (CT-1) today was disheartened by the President's veto of stem cell research legislation and pledged to vote in favor of overriding the veto.

"This veto takes the air out of the balloons of hope for so many patients and their families who are counting on this legislation," stated Larson. "For the President to use his first veto to stop lifesaving stem cell research takes the country and the hopes of so many who are suffering in the wrong direction. We owe it to millions of Americans with chronic, debilitating diseases like Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and ALS to federally fund this promising research. For their families, stem cell research may be their only hope. The President's 2001 stem cell policy has proven to be a failure and this veto fails the American people. Instead of vetoing excessive profits to oil companies, this Administration chose to veto cures for these diseases which touch all Americans. I will vigorously pursue the override of this veto on behalf of the American people."

The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 810), of which Larson is an original cosponsor, passed the House on May 24, 2005, by a vote of 238 to 194. It passed the Senate on July 18, 2006, by a vote on 63 to 37.

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