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WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Speaker Nancy Pelosi named Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. Larson is one of ten Democrats Speaker Pelosi named to the select committee. Congressman Larson has long been a strong proponent of fuel cell technology in Congress. He is founder and co-chair of the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Coalition. As a member of the House Ways and Means committee, Larson has been a champion for renewable energy production tax credits. Larson is also Vice Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

"I am honored to have been selected by Speaker Pelosi to participate in this very important committee," said Congressman Larson. "The work of the committee is going to be critical as global warming and energy dependence are probably two of the most important issues facing the future of our planet. Global warming and our dependence on oil risk our economic security, our national security, and threaten our environment and public health. In my district and throughout Connecticut, we have successfully expanded the use of fuel cell technology and I plan to bring this to the dialogue. This issue has been ignored for far too long and now it is time for serious solutions and action and I am proud to be a part."

The new Select Committee will hold hearings and investigations locally, nationally, and internationally to gather the information needed to protect our national security and the environment. It is charged with recommending to the Congress policies, strategies and other innovations to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign sources of energy and prevent global warming.

The Select Committee will raise the profile of these crucial issues in the Congress, the media, and the public eye and will target the younger generation who have the most at stake using cutting-edge means of communications.

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