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-- Today Congressman John B. Larson
CT-01, Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following
statement in honor of the Rev. Martin
Luther King Jr.'s 79th birthday, which the nation will observe on Monday:

"As the nation pauses
on Monday to honor the late Martin Luther King, Jr., we should reflect on how he
dedicated his life to making this nation a more tolerant place. We
remember his critical role in the Civil Right's Movement-the Montgomery Bus
Boycott, his involvement in the formation of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference, his arrest in Birmingham, the March on Washington, his outspoken
stance on the war in Vietnam-a collection of heroic acts that forged change in
this great nation."

"Reverend Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. fought tirelessly throughout his life against injustices not
only towards African Americans, but towards all members of society, in order to
promote community amongst our citizens"

"As we remember that legacy, it is important to recognize that the work of Dr. King is not complete. He dedicated his life to serving others and humanity. He believed in nonviolence. He believed in the greater good of mankind. What would Dr. King say about the violence plaguing cities across the country, like Hartford, in my home state of Connecticut? Our children are growing up in war zones. Families are being devastated and a generation is being lost."

"This year on Martin Luther King Day, we should all remember Dr. King and his message of nonviolence. This year, let us bring his message of compassion and nonviolence to our city streets."