

Congress Puts Middle Class Back in Economic Driver's Seat

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- Today, the House of the Representatives acted quickly to pass economic stimulus legislation, also approved by the Senate, to bring relief to millions of American families.

Congressman John B. Larson CT
-01, Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, said:

"What passed the House of Representatives and the Senate today is quite literally one of the most progressive tax policies this country has seen in years. We have put money directly into the hands of 35 million Americans who otherwise would have been ignored. It is these Americans who are hurting the most, whose wallets are seeing the most strain under the pressures of our slowing economy. And it is these Americans who some would have liked to leave out of a stimulus package.

The lower- and middle-class are the foundation of our economy. But, their needs have been relegated to the backseat of the Bush Administration's economic policies. Now, we are beginning to put them back in the driver's seat. It is the middle and lower-class who will help steer our economy back to health

This is just a first step towards economic recovery. We still have many major hurdles to overcome and much to do. This Congress will continue to work for the American people. We must rebuild our country's infrastructure. Improve our education system. And, make sure every American has access to quality healthcare. Because, every American deserves to know that if they work hard and play by the rules they will be rewarded with not just the stability but all of the potential of the American Dream."

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