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HARTFORD, CT - Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) announced today that the City of Hartford will get a huge boost in the downtown development of the Front Street Project. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will award a \$2 million Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant and a \$5 million Section 108 Loan for construction and clean up at the Adriaen's Landing Project site.

This site will be a part of an exciting new retail and entertainment district that will revolutionize Hartford's downtown area. The development zone includes the Connecticut Convention Center and the Connecticut Science Center, currently under construction. These hubs will serve as a funnel to the new stores and restaurants the BEDI grant and loan will allow us to build.

Congressman Larson said, "I am thrilled with HUD's decision to help finance this important project and ensure a bright future for the City of Hartford. This development will bring stores, restaurants and most importantly

people to our great city. I would like to thank Connecticut's Senators Dodd and Lieberman for their help in securing this money. And, I look forward to dining at our new restaurants as soon as they open."

Congressman Larson wrote a letter and called the Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the City of Hartford's grant application. Larson said he is pleased the City of Hartford and Front Street developer The HB Nitkin Group, can now move forward in the development and construction of the site.

"The City of Hartford has made great strides in the last few years to redevelop and reinvigorate our downtown. This money will give us a push to take the area to the next level," said Congressman Larson.

The Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) is a competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development. BEDI is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities burden by environmental contamination.

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