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### **Larson's Public Safety Priority for Torrington Passes the House**

**Washington D.C. – Today, Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) announced that the House of Representatives passed legislation that included \$850,000 in funding for the Torrington Police Department to upgrade their emergency response communication systems.** Included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010, the funding is one of many targeted investments in the legislation that invests in rebuilding our economy and securing the public's safety.

**“This funding will allow the city of Torrington to upgrade their communications system, improve response time, and more importantly, ensure the overall safety of the city's residents,”** said Congressman Larson.

The project will upgrade and expand the police department's existing communications center. This will allow the center to accommodate more calls for service and maintain cooperation with regional law enforcement, fire, emergency response, and public safety agencies.

Improvements to the city's communications system will help Torrington fulfill their long term goal of serving as a regional emergency and dispatch center for Northwestern Connecticut and Litchfield County.

Earlier this year, Larson met with Torrington Mayor Ryan Bingham to discuss the project and its importance to the community.

The legislation will now go to the United States Senate for consideration, and then to the White House for the President's signature.

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