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LARSON VISITS LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTER, TOUTS FEDERAL FUNDING TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES

East Hartford, CT- Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson visited East Hartford Community Health Care, Inc (EHCHC) to discuss how approximately \$840,000 in federal funding will assist the center in expanding its facility and serving more individuals in the community. In 2009, EHCHC was the recipient of two Community Health Center related Recovery Act grants including \$619,900 to fund the expansion of the facility and \$220,296 to help support increased demand for health care services. Congressman Larson was provided a tour of the facility by Marjorie Berry, CEO of East Hartford Community Healthcare.

“I would like to thank Marjorie Berry and her staff at East Hartford Community Health Care for the admirable work they do to serve the everyday health needs of seniors, families and workers in our region. This important funding will be directly invested to improving health care services in East Hartford while creating local jobs during this current economic climate,” said Congressman Larson. ***“Community Health Care centers, such as the one in East Hartford, serve a greater role in providing quality, affordable health services to the uninsured and underinsured residents of our communities and I am proud to support their mission.”***

[A recent study](#) found that the more than \$24 million in Recovery Act funding to community health centers in the Greater Hartford area will generate approximately \$40 million dollars in economic activity for the region. In all, the \$1.85 billion that has been invested in health centers nationwide through the Recovery Act will create \$3.2 billion in new economic activity, including \$61 million in Connecticut.

Earlier this year, Congressman Larson was awarded with the 2010 “Distinguished Community Health Leadership Award” from the National Association of Community Health Centers. The award was given to members of Congress who have gone above and beyond in championing broader access to primary health care and strengthening the investment in Community Health Centers.

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