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LARSON ANNOUNCES PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PROTECT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTs

Proposed Bill Would Prevent IRS from Taxing Compensation for Services

SOUTH WINDSOR- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) today announced at South Windsor Fire Headquarters that he will propose legislation to protect local volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) from having the compensation many receive for their services taxed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Currently, many Connecticut towns with volunteer emergency responders offer a small amount of compensation or a tax abatement to the volunteers because of the time and immense risk involved in their work - which the IRS has said they will begin counting as taxable income. Taxing this compensation may cause such benefits to be discontinued and will result in a decline in recruitment and retention of volunteer

emergency responders in towns with volunteer services. Larson's proposed legislation would exempt compensation for local volunteer emergency responders, such as firefighters and EMTs, from being taxed. South Windsor first brought the problem to Larson's attention.

Larson stated: