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LARSON: DESPITE PROMISES, CONGRESS TO AGAIN SHORTCHANGE SPECIAL EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) today gave the following statement on legislation to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), H.R. 1350, the federal law that governs special education in the nation. The House will also take action this week on the omnibus appropriations bill which funds the federal government, including IDEA. While today's legislation authorizes the federal government to fund 40% of the cost of special education, the appropriations bill does not appear to provide equivalent funding for fiscal year 2005.