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LARSON URGES BUSH TO ENGAGE OPEC NATIONS TO PREVENT DECREASE IN OIL PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.-U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) today sent the following letter to President Bush urging him to engage the OPEC nations in an effort to convince them not to decrease oil production, citing the devastating effect it would have on the nation's economy. The text of the letter follows:

Dear President Bush:

I am writing today to urge you to engage the OPEC nations immediately and convince them not to decrease oil production. Any additional decrease in production at this time will have a devastating effect on the nation's economy and on families about to face the full force of winter, especially given the summer supply disruptions caused by this season's hurricanes that have contributed to the extremely low overall US inventories.

The Department of Energy