WASHINGTON **– Congressmen John B. Larson (CT-01)** and **Joe Courtney (CT-02)** released the following statement today on General Electric's decision to terminate their self-funded, F136 Alternate Engine for the F35 Joint Strike Fighter.

"General Electric is a tremendous American company who has provided us with unique innovation for over a hundred years. As difficult a decision as this was, in these pressing economic times, GE made the right one.

"The F135 engine manufactured by Pratt & Whitney is a successful engine and we forward to seeing the completion of this project and watching the F-35 in action for years to come.

"We also look forward to continuing to work with General Electric, who produces the lion's share of engines for our nation's military aircrafts."

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