

HARTFORD – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** released the following statement on today's report that the U.S. economy added 227,000 jobs in February, enjoying the 24th straight month of private sector job growth.

“With 24 months of jobs creation, it's clear that we're finally getting the economy back on the right path and businesses are seeing their bottom lines grow. But too many families are still stuck in what one of my constituents rightly calls the dark abyss of uncertainty. With millions of Americans still out of work and suffering, economic recovery cannot come fast enough. Small businesses, entrepreneurs and the middle class shouldn't have to wait for assistance because this is an election year.

“Congress must act with the President to get America working again and rebuild our middle class. Instead of repackaging old bills and calling them a Jobs Act like the majority did this week, we should take up President Obama's Jobs Act and a bipartisan transportation bill – putting both Republican and Democratic ideas to work to help create jobs today and grow a strong, sustainable economy for years to come.

“It’s time for Congress to work together to move our country forward so that we can once again put the American Dream in reach for all Americans.”

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