(*WASHINGTON*) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** called on the House Republican leadership to pass the middle-class tax cut. Earlier today, the United States Senate voted to extend tax cuts for middle-class families without adding unnecessary tax breaks for the top 2% of Americans.

"With the Senate's action today, the only thing standing in the way of a tax cut for middle-class families and American small businesses is the House Republican majority," said Congressman Larson. "All Members can agree that providing a tax break to the middle-class is the right thing to do in these difficult economic times. It's time that we come together around a something we all agree on so that we can provide the certitude and certainty that the American people are begging us for.

"But it remains clear that the leadership in the Republican Party would rather see the President fail than the nation succeed. If they get their way and deadlock Congress into doing nothing about the expiring tax cuts, nearly 120 million middle-class families will see their taxes go up by an average of $1,600 – something they cannot afford. Middle-class families are counting on us to do the right thing. They deserve nothing less."

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