(*Washington*) - **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement today after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan "Sandy Recovery Improvement Act" aimed at improving disaster recovery efforts:

"Tonight the House showed what can be accomplished when both sides of the aisle work together. These reforms build on what we have learned from the widespread devastation caused by past storms, and will improve the recovery process to ensure disaster funding is provided for the victims of Hurricane Sandy in a timely and effective manner. I applaud Representatives Denham, Shuster, Holmes Norton, and Rahall for their efforts and hope that tonight's bipartisan spirit will carry into tomorrow's vote on much needed Hurricane Sandy Relief funding."

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