(*Washington*) – **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement today after President Barack Obama delivered his inaugural address:

"Today President Barack Obama spoke for all Americans during his second inaugural address when he said that we must continue to improve our economy and our education system, strengthen our democracy, and care for those who need it most if we are to move forward as a nation. I am proud that he continued to honor the victims and families of Newtown, and that he has taken immediate action to make this nation safer for our children. Every child has the right to safety and a good education, regardless of where they live or how much money they have.

"As the President said today, the economy is recovering. The recovery however has not been fast enough for many Americans who are still struggling to deal with debt or unable to find work. Congress must focus on job creation and job growth, which will help both our deficit and the economy. I applaud our President's call that we must move forward together if we are to solve our nation's biggest issues. Congress should heed these words in the 113th, and work together so that all Americans have the opportunity to succeed."

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