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**Congressman Larson Helps Secure Federal Funding for Torrington Police Department
Emergency Communications System**

Washington D.C. - Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, helped to secure \$175,000 in federal funding for the Torrington Police Department to improve their emergency response communication systems.

□ The funding comes as part of broader legislation to invest in our national public safety priorities.

“Public safety is essential to the growth and wellbeing of our community. This funding will allow the city of Torrington to upgrade their communications system, improve response time, and keep the residents of Torrington safe. This is a smart and much needed investment for Torrington and its police department,” said Congressman Larson.

This new communications system will keep our communities and our neighbors safe by improving the coordination of our local first responders during emergencies. It will expand and improve the City of Torrington's emergency response communications system, enabling better field communication between law enforcement, fire and other public safety agencies.

The system improvements to the city's communications system will help Torrington fulfill their long term goal of serving as the regional emergency and dispatch center for Northwestern Connecticut and Litchfield County. The Torrington's emergency response system currently serves as a public safety communications center for the city as well as for surrounding towns. However, it is not compatible with State's communications systems guidelines and would not meet future federal communications mandates without the funding. Earlier this year, Congressman Larson met with Torrington Mayor Ryan Bingham to discuss the project and its overall importance to the community.

The legislation also invests in national priorities to keep our citizens and streets safe. It includes new funds for the incredibly successful Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program to help local municipalities hire more than 7,000 new police officer and boosts border protection to keep drugs and guns out of our neighborhoods.

At the same time the legislation is fiscally responding - cutting overall spending by eliminating 11 programs that haven't worked and cutting funding on 13 others.

The Bill will now go to the United States Senate for consideration.

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