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Congressman Larson Holds Telephone Town Hall On Health Care Reform

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Hartford, CT- Tonight, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson held a telephone town hall with about 4,000 constituents from the 1st District to discuss health care reform. The telephone town hall was the first major public event held by Congressman Larson since he underwent heart valve replacement surgery earlier this month. This was the ninth town hall meeting and third on health care, Congressman Larson has held this year.

Congressman Larson released the following remarks at the conclusion of the meeting:

"Telephone town halls are a unique method to reach out to constituents from all over the 1st Congressional on important issues and to separate myths from facts.

"We need a bold American solution that builds on what works in our health care system and fixes what's broken by providing affordable quality health care to all Americans. We can't have families where someone has had a heart attack or cancer denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition. We can't have people losing their coverage because they have lost or changed jobs. And, we can't let healthcare costs bankrupt families or the Federal budget.

"I am committed to health care reform that allows you to keep your current plan if you like it, reform that puts you and your doctor in charge of your care. The cost of inaction on health care will continue to debilitate our families, small businesses, and our nation.

"Tonight we called over 50,000 residents for the telephone town hall and I look forward to continuing the discussion on health care, over the phone and in person, with residents throughout the 1st district."

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