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CONGRESSMAN LARSON STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S AFGHANISTAN SPEECH

Washington, DC – Congressman John B. Larson *(CT-01)*, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement after President Obama's speech on the path forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"I agree with the President's goal to bring our troops home in 18 months. I commend him for laying out the end game and leveling with our troops and the American and Afghan people. I remain skeptical on the impact of a troop surge and the commitment of the strategic partners in the region to achieve the President's objectives. I will continue to review the plan and all of its implications, including how it is paid for."