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LARSON RELEASES DETAILS OF HEALTH REFORM BENEFITS TO CONN.'S 1ST DISTRICT

Hartford, CT -- Today, Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) announced the benefits health insurance reform will bring to this community. The plan will put Americans and small businesses back in charge of their health care choices. It will make coverage more affordable for everyone, hold insurance companies accountable and stop their worst practices – denying you coverage because of a pre-existing condition, dropping your coverage when you get sick, or arbitrarily hiking up your premiums.

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"I know where I stand on this issue, and it's with the people of Connecticut and my district. We need to act on this legislation because so much is at stake for the small

businesses and families of this community. I am on the side of my neighbors who are facing rising premium costs and discrimination because of a pre-existing condition,” said Congressman Larson.

“I will not stand idle as families in my district are filing for bankruptcy because of their rising health care bills or watch as seniors are unable to pay for their prescription drugs. The time to act is now.”

In Congressman Larson’s District, the health care reform bill would:

- Improve coverage for **462,000 residents** with health insurance.
- Give tax credits and other assistance to up to **138,000 families and 15,700 small businesses** to help them afford coverage.
- Improve **Medicare for 118,000 beneficiaries**, including closing the donut hole.
- Extend coverage to **16,500 uninsured** residents.
- Guarantee that **7,200 residents** with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage.
- Protect **700 families** from bankruptcy due to unaffordable health care costs.
- Allow **50,000 young adults** to obtain coverage on their parents’ insurance plans.
- Provide **millions of dollars** in new funding for community health centers.
- Reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and other health care providers by **\$ 23 million annually**

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