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# LARSON: WILL FIGHT SENATE PASSAGE OF $3 BILLION EARMARK FOR EXTRA ENGINE

***Hartford, CT***- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement concerning funding for the F-35 extra engine being inserted in the Senate's proposed Omnibus budget bill:

***"At a time when we are looking to rein in spending and cut the budget deficit, the Senate is prepared to pass a $3 billion earmark for the F-35 extra engine – a program the President and the military are opposed to. We need to make tough decisions to lower the deficit. But, the decision to end the extra engine program should be a no-brainer."***

***"I will work with the White House and the Defense Department to fight the passage of this multi-billion dollar earmark, to save taxpayers' money, close our budget deficit and support our troops."***

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