*WASHINGTON, D.C.* – U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01), Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement in response to EADS' decision to not protest the Air Force's KC-X Tanker contract.

"A decade long process has finally come to an end.  I'm proud that Boeing tankers, powered by Pratt & Whitney engines, made in America, will support our troops for decades to come.

"This is truly a huge win for the Armed Forces, who have been waiting for a new tanker way too long, and the highly skilled, highly trained Connecticut workforce.  The Obama Administration responded to the call of Make It In America and their decision will help keep critical manufacturing jobs and skills here in the U.S. instead of sending them to Europe.

"The Tanker contract will ensure steady work for decades to come for the men and women who comprise the Connecticut aerospace industry.  When combined with the House of Representative's recent action to end the JSF Alternate Engine program, this decision will support and create jobs all across the state."