WASHINGTON – Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) released the following statement on the President's announcement regarding troop drawdown from Afghanistan:

"I want to commend President Obama. Over the last 18 months we've had some great successes in the war on terror - capped with the truly historic mission that succeeded in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice - that now allow us to begin drawing our operations in Afghanistan to a close.

"While I recognize that it is in our own best interest to ensure that the region remains stable, after nearly a decade, with thousands of American lives and billions of dollars invested, it's time to ask the Afghan government to stand on its own.

"We have too many important issues to address here at home to do anything less."