WASHINGTON – Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) released the following statement following President Obama's address to the nation tonight:

"President Obama was right tonight – this is about what's fair. Most Americans don't understand how we can ask seniors to pay more for Medicare before we ask corporate jet owners and oil companies to give up their billions in tax breaks. And most Americans don't understand how can we ask a student to pay more for college before we ask hedge fund managers to stop paying taxes at a lower rate than their secretaries. Americans want fairness – and the Republican plans for dealing with our debt simply aren't fair.

"Democrats are committed to ensuring that our nation meets its obligations by working toward a long-term plan to reduce the deficit, create jobs, grow the economy and strengthen the middle class – without asking working families and our seniors to shoulder the entire burden.

"As leaders, we owe it to the American people to end the political posturing, address this manufacture crisis facing our nation, and then remain at the negotiating table to focus on the top priorities for American families: jobs and fiscal security."

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