HARTFORD – This morning **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** called for a new, fair agreement for the 2,000-plus building cleaners represented by local 32BJ of the Service Employees International union of the greater Hartford and New Haven areas.

With the last day of scheduled talks between the workers and the Hartford Area Cleaning Contractors Association scheduled for today, Congressman Larson urged both sides come to an agreement before the current contract expires on December 31.

“The thousands of members of local 32BJ provide an invaluable service to so many residents throughout the Capital Region,” Congressman Larson said. “These men and women deserve a new contract that will ensure that all of their members are paid a fair wage and have competitive healthcare benefits. I strongly urge both sides come to an agreement as a work stoppage, regardless of how long, would be extremely disruptive to our state’s economy, which is still undergoing a fragile recovery.”

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