

HARTFORD – Last night during a public forum on foreign policy in Glastonbury, **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)**

renewed his call for the President to immediately initiate an accelerated, but responsible withdrawal.

“With the finding and killing of Osama Bin Laden last May, I believe that America’s role in Afghanistan is finished and that it is time for the Afghani people to take control of their country and for neighboring nations to make a firm commitment to help keep the peace,” Congressman Larson said. “The United States has now been in Afghanistan for a decade – longer than any other conflict in our country’s history. I believe that the time has come for an immediate, yet responsible withdrawal of our armed forces.”

Larson’s statements last night come on this morning’s news that President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron will meet today to discuss a possible early withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

Throughout the course of last evening Larson and forum participants discussed the need for Syria’s Bashar al-Assad to step down and his support for the current US and UN sanctions of Iran as well as efforts to prevent that country from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Larson also discussed his support for the Israel and stressed the importance of China and Russia to play a stronger role in stopping some of the atrocities that are occurring throughout the Middle East.

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