(*TORRINGTON, CT*) – While visiting Fuel Cell Energy Inc. today in Torrington, **Congressman John B. Larson**
and
Senator Richard Blumenthal
announced they will introduce legislation aimed at improving fuel cell and hydrogen energy infrastructure and increasing federal incentives for the use of fuel cell technology to strengthen a growing industry and help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

"Our economic recovery depends on smart, forward thinking investments that will help us build a stronger future for everyone. That's why I'm excited about the potential of fuel cells and hydrogen energy. Investing now in this technology will help us reduce our dependence on foreign oil, while also creating good jobs here at home and ensuring a strong industry for years to come," said Congressman Larson. "The kind of work being done here at Fuel Cell Energy is exactly the kind of work we should be seeing more of to help move us to a stronger future. So I look forward to continuing my work with the delegation to improve federal incentives for this sustainable, American technology. It's good for our economy here in Connecticut and for energy security for the nation."

"Fuel cell technology and energy can create jobs and enhance our state economy as well as free America from dependence on foreign oil – a huge win-win for everyone," Senator Blumenthal said. "I am proud to introduce this bill modeled on Congressman Larson's measure, which promises major benefits to Connecticut companies, helping to make our state the fuel cell capital of the world."

Larson's legislation, 'The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Infrastructure for America Act of 2012', is intended to accelerate the deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen energy technology through infrastructure and investment tax credits. Senator Blumenthal will be introducing a companion bill in the United States Senate. Fuel cells and hydrogen energy, an American led development, provide clean, highly efficient energy that can be used in a variety of settings, including powering vehicles and providing power for buildings.

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