(*Hartford*) –Today **Congressman John B. Larson** released the following statement on the need for House Republican leadership to allow Congress to get back to work for the American people:

"The fast approaching fiscal cliff, now only five days away, has already created uncertainty for many and threatens to raise taxes and cut services for millions.

"In Connecticut, New York and New Jersey Americans and their families wait for the relief aide that will help them rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

"And after an unprecedented tragedy in Connecticut that shook the nation to its core and one of the worst acts of violence in our nation, Congress has a responsibility to act on legislation ready to help prevent future violence.

"I am prepared to do the job I was sent to Washington to do. It's my hope that House Republicans will answer the call of millions of Americans who more than ever need Congress to put partisanship aside, and get back to work."

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