Washington, DC - Tonight the House voted against an amendment that Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore), Rep. John Larson (D-CT) and a bipartisan coalition offered to the Department of Defense (DOD) Authorization to cut $485 million for the Joint Strike Fighter Extra Engine Program.

"The last thing we need is two engines for one plane, and eliminating this unnecessary program would have saved taxpayers $485 million this year alone," **said Congressman Blumenauer**. "This program is a perfect example of wasteful spending that Congress must begin to address, and I am disappointed that our amendment failed. I hope we can work in conference with the Senate to eliminate this program once and for all."

Rep. Blumenauer has sought to cut funding for the F-35 Extra Engine Program in previous years, and Secretary Gates and President Obama have repeatedly called for the elimination of this wasteful program.