Lt. Governor John Garamendi Issues Statement on the Passing of Congressman Tom Lantos

SACRAMENTO, CA – Lt. Governor John Garamendi had the following comments on the passing of Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo, San Francisco):

"With Tom Lantos' passing today, California and the nation have lost a great leader. Congressman Lantos represented what is best about this country – arriving on America's shores as a recent Holocaust survivor, he embraced America's freedom. Just a few years later, America embraced Tom Lantos as a leader.

"As a Congressman, Tom gave voice to America's conscience, speaking on behalf of those around the world for whom America stands as a beacon of justice and democracy. While Tom's voice will be gone from the halls of our nation's Capitol, the lessons we learned from him will be forever remembered.

"I send my thoughts and prayers to the Lantos family, his close friends, staff and colleagues."

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