WASHINGTON, DC â€“ During a press conference on Monday, Congressman Joe Courtney announced that he will lead an economic trade mission of Connecticut companies to Israel. This is the second international trade mission the Connecticut lawmaker has spearheaded to create new economic opportunities and jobs in the state.

Rep. Courtney was joined for the announcement by Anne Evans, District Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Export Assistance Center in Middletown, who is working with him to coordinate the trade mission. The business and economic development mission will officially begin on April 7.