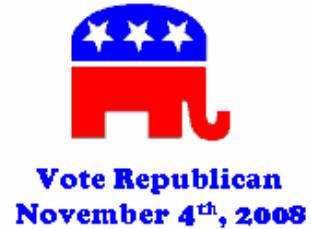


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Announcement remarks

Good Morning, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you for joining me for this event. My name is Mark Zaccaria and I'm standing before you today to tell you that I am very much like you. That's right, you and I have a number of shared experiences here in Rhode Island that make us alike in our needs and also in the way we think.

Like many of you, over the years I've been a working man, a member of the US Military, a husband and father, the employee of a large corporation, a taxpayer, and now even a small business owner here in the state. In that list I'm sure you find at least one or two connections between us.

I stand before you today as a person just like you, who is rooted in Rhode Island. I am committed to making a life here for myself and for my family, just like you. But as I look around me I can see that the local culture and standard of living are starting to erode a little. Economic issues are becoming a concern to us all, and I see one thing especially in the troubling news about foreclosures, or inflation, or the shrinking pool of jobs for people in our state.

I see the hand of government behind at least some of the wrong paths we are taking as a state and as a nation.

Like you, I think someone should do something about the intrusion of government and the burden it has become to the economic engine that powers our country. So today I am here to announce that I will be at least one of those who try to do something about it.

Today I'm here to announce my candidacy for Rhode Island's Second District seat in Congress.

Our current Representative in Congress does not have these shared experiences with the rest of the people of the District. I think that makes it hard for him to understand what proposed legislation would mean to us, with his heart as well as his head.

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Now we all know that Jim Langevin has one of the biggest and strongest hearts in Rhode Island. He has been an example to us all of the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity. In four terms in the US House of Representatives he has done exactly what he has promised to do. But I don't think he has promised the right things. His approach is not the best one for the times now facing us and I don't think he realizes that.

I think that Congressman Langevin's vision of government as a financial entity that uses its Treasury to solve all the people's problems is not the way forward for our country. In fact, I think that to continue with these policies would ultimately cause economic hardship of a scope that is far beyond anything he is now trying to rectify.

In short, for as absolutely sincere as he is, Jim Langevin just doesn't get it.

Jim Langevin knows what goes on in the Rhode Island House. He knows what goes on in the U.S. House. I just don't think he knows what's going on in Your House. I don't think he feels just how anxious you are that you might lose Your House. I don't think he understands what it means to all of us if you can't buy Your First House.

Listen, government is NOT the enemy here. For too many years, though, I believe we have been willing to let our political leaders create a government of institutions. These bureau's or programs have attempted to fix classes of problems among classes of people by imposing one-size-fits-all solutions and paying for their efforts with tax dollars.

Maybe that was a good idea once upon a time. Today though, by their proliferation, these government mandates and entitlements have long since crossed the line and have stopped benefiting the American people as much as they now burden us.

I have entered this race because I believe attention has to be drawn to the over reach of government so that we can gradually begin a move back to balance. I have entered this race because I believe that since I am like the people of the District I am better able to assess the impact any new federal initiatives will have on them. That would be the same impact they'll have on me.

I am sure Congressman Langevin doesn't believe we face the economic danger that I see in our future. I am sure he doesn't think we need to move towards individual initiative based on individual responsibility that's exercised using individual authority over our own assets and for our own best interests.

But I do.

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I believe we need to craft a government that can create the environment wherein you and I and all our neighbors can be given the maximum opportunity to think and act economically, for ourselves and for our families. When we can, and when we do, the cumulative result of all those individual decisions will be a level of economic efficiency and productivity that is far beyond anything we could hope for from a government institution.

Folks, we fought a Fifty Year Cold War to determine which political philosophy would dominate our planet, and Capitalism won. As the largest national economy on this planet I believe we have the greatest responsibility there is to Do Capitalism Right. We can see the consequences of doing capitalism wrong. They're all around us. Corporate flight to foreign shores has taken jobs and economic opportunity for small businesses along with it. That exodus is largely a result of rational economic decisions made by professional managers. They know that conditions are untenable here in Rhode Island and here in the United States so they move on. I believe we cannot let that keep happening.

I also believe we can turn these conditions around, but that won't happen through Legislation, alone. It will happen when we show the people of this District, this Country, and this World that it is in their best interests to join us in Doing Capitalism Right. Ladies and Gentlemen, that's a Sales Job and selling has been my business for quite some time.

One first term Member of Congress can't force legislative initiatives through the U.S. House. Neither can one Four Term Member. What we need to do is start a Buzz that will engage other like minded Districts by making sense about how our economy is our future and how government should foster that engine of growth, not overload it and drag it down.

That's what I mean to do but as usual, I can't do it alone. I need your help because together WE can do anything. So in the months ahead you will hear me raise the issue of what kind of government we want to have, going forward. It is my hope that this new public discourse will be a campaign of ideas that can ultimately be decided by Voters of the Second District on Election Day.

Thank You.

Joining me are three members of my family who I'd like to introduce. My wife, Ruth, is an RN who currently works as a psychiatric nurse with children, in Middletown. Like me, Ruth is a veteran of the US Air Force, in fact we met when we were stationed at the same base. With us today is our daughter Kate Auxier. Lieutenant Auxier, I should say. Kate is a member of the Rhode Island Army National Guard, a veteran of one combat tour in Iraq, and is currently a full time Recruiter for the Guard as she awaits the results of the Rhode Island Bar Examination she recently took. Finally let me introduce our daughter, April

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Zaccaria. April is a junior at Emerson College, in Boston, where she studies Marketing, writing for the screen, and TV and Film Production.

Now I'd like to recognize some of the dignitaries who have been gracious enough to join me for this campaign kick-off....

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