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Zaccaria Calls for Strict Accountability, Compares Langevin and Bush

North Kingstown: Mark Zaccaria today called for strict accountability from our elected officials, comparing his opponent to a message he frequently hears from the people: hold President Bush accountable. “A majority of the people I talk to say that we need increased accountability in our government, and emphasize the desire to hold the Bush Administration accountable for the past eight years,” said Zaccaria. “I say, ‘lets hold all of our elected officials accountable,’ especially Mr. Langevin and his eight-year record of ineffectiveness.”

Rhode Island has consistently had one of the lowest approval ratings of President Bush. “It’s a frequent topic on the campaign trail,” said Zaccaria. “People are upset that their government has let them down, and they want the politicians, especially President Bush, held accountable. I believe that if the people are made aware of Mr. Langevin’s record of ineffectiveness, they’ll see that it’s time to hold him accountable, too. As the representative for the Second District, Mr. Langevin has completely failed to provide effective leadership.”

Zaccaria recently highlighted his opponent’s ineffectiveness, citing the Congressional Power Rankings by Knowlegis, a non-partisan organization, in which Langevin was ranked 217 out 235 within his party. Langevin’s ranking included a rating of ‘zero’ under the category of Influence.

http://www.congress.org/congressorg/power_rankings/power_card.tt?id=10391

Throughout his campaign, Zaccaria has called for increased political openness for our elected officials. “Our elected officials should be proud to discuss their record and accomplishments,” said Zaccaria. “Mr. Langevin has no major accomplishments to show for his eight years in Congress. That is why he refuses

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to participate in an open political debate. President Bush will be leaving office after eight years of ineffectiveness; let's make sure Mr. Langevin also leaves office after eight years of ineffectiveness."

Mark Zaccaria is a resident of North Kingstown, RI, where he runs a small business. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 33 years. They have three grown children who are all residents of the state. Learn more about Mark's candidacy for congress at the web site: www.markz4ri.org

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