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Freshman Rep. Murphy (CT-D) Twice as Effective as Langevin

Warwick: Mark Zaccaria today illustrated the ineffectiveness of his opponent, a four-term incumbent, by comparing him with freshman Representative Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat, who ranked 131 out of 235 in his party, compared to Langevin's rank of 217 out of 235. "In his first term in Congress, Rep. Murphy has been an active and influential voice on behalf of his constituents," said Zaccaria. "That is something Mr. Langevin has failed to do in any of his four terms in Congress."

"Mr. Langevin has failed to provide any real leadership as a member of Congress," Zaccaria continued. "Representative Murphy, in his first term, has done more for his district in Connecticut than Mr. Langevin has done for the people here in the Second District over the course of *four terms in Congress*. We can no longer settle for an underperforming Congressman; we deserve effective representation."

Zaccaria went on to point out that Rep. Murphy had recently led the effort that secured an additional \$7 million in home heating assistance for Connecticut, whereas Mr. Langevin "did nothing more than sign on to an effort by the rest of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation that secured \$1.9 million in additional funding." While Connecticut has a larger population than Rhode Island, the median household income for 2006-2007 in Connecticut was almost \$10,000 higher than in Rhode Island according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/statemedfaminc.html>

"You can't hide the truth, and the truth is that Mr. Langevin is not cut out for Congress. We've given him four terms to prove that he can be an effective

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representative of the Second District, and he has failed,” said Zaccaria. “In these tough times, we simply cannot afford to send a ‘do-nothing’ Representative back to Congress.”

The annual Congressional Power Rankings by Knowlegis are determined by “how effective one is at advancing an agenda, whether it is a personal agenda, party agenda or district or state agenda.”

(http://www.congress.org/congressorg/power_rankings/backgrounder.tt)

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(http://www.congress.org/congressorg/power_rankings/about_knowlegis.tt)

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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