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### Zaccaria Congratulates Gov. Carcieri on Executive Order, Calls on Langevin to Join Him in Endorsing the Move

**Saunderstown:** Mark Zaccaria today publicly applauded Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri for issuing his March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Executive Order dealing with immigration. The Governor's order requires State Police to verify the immigration status of prisoners in the ACI. It also requires both agencies and vendors of the state to verify that all their employees are legal residents of the United States. The Governor's Order also authorizes the state to inform citizens whose identities have been stolen.

Zaccaria is a GOP candidate for Rhode Island's District 2 Seat in Congress. In making his announcement he called on the incumbent, Rep. Jim Langevin, to join him in endorsing Carcieri's action. "I'm asking the voters to elect me to be their congressional representative," Zaccaria said. "So I can't be in favor of Illegal Anything, and I presume my opponent feels the same."

Press reports have indicated that Providence Mayor, David Cicilline, declined to endorse the Governor's action saying immigration questions should properly be answered at the federal level, rather than by state or local officials. Mark Zaccaria disagreed sharply with that reasoning. "Governor Carcieri ordered the reduction of unnecessary state costs by moving certain prisoners into federal custody where appropriate," Zaccaria asserted. "He also took positive steps to insure that existing laws were being obeyed." The candidate rated these measures as prudent and well within the Governor's mandate.

Zaccaria noted that the incumbent in the Second District Seat is a political ally of Mayor Cicilline so he thought it appropriate that the congressman speak out on this issue. "Does my opponent agree with the Mayor that this is strictly a federal

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issue?” Zaccaria asked during his announcement. “If so, does he concur with Governor Carcieri’s actions? I think the voters of the District have the right to know.”

In his statement Mark Zaccaria went on to point out that illegal immigrants take jobs in the economy and services from government that would otherwise be available to those living here legally. He stressed the immigrant roots of virtually all Americans, pointing out that the vast majority of those coming to our shores did so and do so legally. “I, myself, have traveled extensively on business in other countries over the years.” Zaccaria said. He noted he has always had to obtain Visa’s, to prove his means of support for the duration of his visits, and to comply with immigration statutes in all those foreign lands.

“That’s what my grandparents did when they arrived here from Italy to become US Citizens.” He concluded. “And I think that’s what we should expect today from the people all around the world who see their futures here in America.”

Mark Zaccaria said he was making his statement to avoid having it become a divisive issue in the upcoming District 2 race. He felt that his opponent could put the entire episode to rest by joining him in an endorsement of the Governor’s action. The objective of this would be to look ahead to substantive matters of the future direction of the US Government rather than to become bogged down with semantics over issues where both contenders were in substantial agreement.

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](http://www.markz4ri.org)

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