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Zaccaria 'Angered' by Rhode Island Jobless Rate

Warwick: Mark Zaccaria today said that he was “angered” by the news that Rhode Island had the highest unemployment rate in the country during the month of September. The Providence Journal reported that Rhode Island’s 8.8 percent unemployment rate in September was the highest in the nation, while the national unemployment rate remained steady at 6.1 percent. “I am angered that Rhode Island is struggling with the highest unemployment rate in the nation, and yet our current Representative in Congress, my opponent, continuously fails to take proactive steps to address our economic problems,” said Zaccaria. “It’s time to wake up and realize that we can’t afford more of the same reactive, ineffective leadership from Mr. Langevin.”

“At the state level, Governor Carcieri has taken steps to promote a ‘business friendly’ environment here in Rhode Island. Unfortunately, Mr. Langevin has done nothing but burden the economy. He’s done nothing to reduce federal spending, and simply doesn’t understand that government regulations are preventing our economy from growing” Zaccaria said. “We need effective leadership in Congress that understands how the private sector works and will take steps to allow our economy to flourish. I’ve spend my life in the private sector, I’ve run businesses, and I understand what makes the economy grow. Mr. Langevin has never been a part of the private sector, and has been completely ineffective in promoting economic growth.”

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

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“If we’re going to address our growing economic problems, including the rising unemployment rate, we need a representative in Congress who can effectively take proactive steps to preventing these problems before they get out of control,” continued Zaccaria. “Over the past eight years he has been in Congress, Mr. Langevin has demonstrated that he cannot effectively represent the Second District and address the problems that affect us most. It’s time for real change, and that starts with voting Mr. Langevin out of office.”

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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