

Congressman James R. Langevin

Born in 1964, Congressman James R. Langevin, who prefers to be called Jim, has dedicated his life to public service.

At the age of sixteen, Jim was injured while working with the Warwick Police Department in the Boy Scout Explorer program. A gun accidentally discharged and a bullet struck him, leaving him paralyzed. The tremendous outpouring of support from his community inspired him to give something back. He ran as a State Delegate to Rhode Island's Constitutional Convention in 1986 and served as its Secretary. Two years later, he won election to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where he established a reputation as a hard-working reformer committed to good government.

In 1994, Representative Langevin defeated an incumbent to become the youngest Secretary of State in the nation. Four years later, he easily won re-election to his second term as Secretary of State and in 2000, he made a successful run for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Now in his third term, Congressman Langevin has been a strong advocate for access to affordable health care, quality public education for every child, and sensible fiscal policies designed to encourage job and economic growth for all Americans, not just a select few.

One of Congressman Langevin's top priorities has been expanding the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research, so that millions of families struggling with diseases and disabilities might benefit from the hope provided by this groundbreaking research.

Congressman Langevin has served on the House Armed Services Committee since his first term. In 2003, he was also asked to serve on the newly created

House Select Committee on Homeland Security. He continues to serve on this committee, which has since become permanent, and, of particular interest to the health physics profession, is the Ranking Democrat on its Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack.

Jim resides in Warwick, Rhode Island, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and Save the Bay. He graduated from Rhode Island College and then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the United States Representative for the 2nd District of the State of Rhode Island, Congressman Jim Langevin.