

Congressman Jim Langevin (RI-02)

Congressman Jim Langevin (LAN'-jih-vin) serves on the [House Armed Services Committee](#), where he is the Ranking Member of the [Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee](#), and on the [House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#). A national leader on securing our nation's technology infrastructure against cyber threats, Langevin co-founded the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus to increase awareness around the issue and co-chaired the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) [Commission on Cyber Security for the 44th Presidency](#), which made policy recommendations to President Obama.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus, Langevin advocates to improve and increase access to training that gives students and workers the skills that best fit the needs of expanding industries. In Rhode Island, he has launched a competition to introduce high school students to the rapidly growing cybersecurity field and has helped obtain funding for health care and IT.

A long-time and outspoken proponent of universal health care, Langevin began proposing the [American Health Benefits Program](#) in 2004, which would offer affordable health care to all, and worked hard to help pass the Affordable Care Act in 2010. In addition, he has been at the forefront of policies to advancing stem cell research. He joined President Obama for the signing of an Executive Order lifting restrictions on embryonic stem cell research funding.

A voice for those facing serious challenges, Langevin has driven passage of a bipartisan bill to guarantee vital services for families caring for an elderly parent or disabled child and authored a breakthrough law to protect foster youth.

Langevin was inspired to enter public service by the tremendous outpouring of support he received during the most challenging time of his life, after a gun accident paralyzed him at age 16 and left him as a quadriplegic. He is driven by a belief that everyone deserves a fair opportunity to make the most of their talents.

After serving as secretary for the state's Constitutional Convention in 1986, Langevin won election to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and in 1994, became the nation's youngest Secretary of State. His leadership resulted in reforms to Rhode Island's outdated election system and a landmark report documenting widespread violations of the state's Open Meetings Law. He served in that role until winning election to Congress in 2000.