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Jim is a lifelong public servant who has always worked to make government better in service of the American people, solving tough challenges to improve their lives. A bipartisan lawmaker and self-described policy-wonk, Jim is known for evaluating initiatives for their policy merits, not for political gain. He is a critical thinker, team player, and a fierce advocate for the American people, able to reach across the aisle to find consensus, even in the most polarizing of climates to get things done.



Injured at the age of 16 as a result of an accidental gun discharge while serving as a Police Explorer, he was left paralyzed. The tremendous outpouring of support from his community inspired Jim to enter public service and give back to those who had so ardently supported him. In his first election to Congress, he famously pledged to his constituents, “I’ll stand up for you.” Now, after more than 30 years in public office, including 22 years as a Member of Congress, Jim is looking to apply his talents and serve in other ways.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives

2001 – 2023

First elected to the 107th Congress in 2000, Jim served 11 terms in Washington, DC in service of the 2nd Congressional District of Rhode Island. Jim is ranked 52nd (of 435) most senior Member in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has served as both a Regional Whip for New England, and as a member of the House Majority Whip’s Senior Whip Team.

Jim is a senior member of the **House Armed Services Committee**, having served on the committee since he arrived in Congress; he has been at the helm of the subcommittee focused on emerging threats and advanced capabilities since 2011. He was also a founding member of the **House Committee on Homeland Security** and has served on the committee throughout much of his tenure in Washington.

As an expert in matters of **national security**, Jim has helped shape the focus of the Department of Defense, paving the way for an improved emphasis on harnessing more innovative technologies – such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, software, directed energy, electronic warfare, and hypersonics, for example – in order to solve our military’s most complex challenges. Authoring hundreds of provisions in the annual National Defense Authorization Act, Jim has worked to strengthen the research and development ecosystem, transition promising technologies into the hands of our warfighters, support robust test and evaluation infrastructure, and promote centers of innovation across the Department of Defense. Notably, Jim led the charge within the congressional defense committees to elevate U.S. Cyber Command to a Unified Combatant Command, championed numerous recommendations from the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, and changed the way in which the Department of the Navy purchases nuclear-powered submarines by implementing a multi-year contracting strategy, leading to billions of dollars in savings and increased procurement efficiencies. He has cultivated robust working relationships within the Pentagon, and throughout private industry, academia, and national laboratories across the country.

A leading voice in **cybersecurity policy**, Jim has changed the landscape of cybersecurity both domestically and internationally. Among the very first Members of Congress to sound the alarm regarding the cybersecurity challenges facing our nation, Jim co-founded and co-chairs the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus. He leveraged the power of his committee assignments to hold the first hearings of their kind on the national security and economic implications of cybersecurity, bringing increased attention to the issue and motivating his fellow lawmakers to take action. He served on the CSIS Commission on Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency and was appointed to the prestigious Cyberspace Solarium Commission where he led congressional efforts to enact 44 measures built on the Commission's recommendations into law. He authored the *National Cyber Director Act* to install a National Cyber Director at the White House, enhanced cyber cooperation between government and industry, fostered cyber collaboration among our nation's partners and allies, and worked to hold adversaries accountable for hacking American targets. Jim played a key role in standing up our nation's premier cybersecurity agency, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and secured a 73-percent increase (\$1.22 billion) in annual appropriations over the agency's five-year lifespan, to date. He also codified 16 Sector Risk Management Agencies into law, strengthening the federal government's capacity to coordinate with critical infrastructure owners and operators in mitigating cyber and physical risks to those systems. When it comes to cybersecurity, Jim has been described as a "cyber policy stalwart," "congressional cyber heavyweight," "key architect of cyber policy," and a "cyber legend."

Leveraging his close relationship with the business community, particularly with respect to advanced manufacturing, Jim developed an expertise in **career and technical education**. He is proud to co-chair the Career and Technical Education Caucus and was highly instrumental in passing bipartisan legislation designed to overhaul long-standing public law in this space. His efforts led to the enactment of the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*, which aligned academic curricula across the country with the real world needs of the business community, and the *STEM to STEAM Act*, which incorporates art and design into STEM education fields.

Jim is the first quadriplegic to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. A voice for the **disability community**, he has championed the passage of the bipartisan *Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006* to expand services for families caring for loved ones with disabilities. He also authored the *Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2020*. He was instrumental in the passage of the *ADA Amendments Act*, legislation that opened doors of opportunity for people with disabilities and fortified the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Jim was also the first wheelchair user to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore and preside over the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his tenure in Congress, Jim served on the following Committees:

- **House Armed Services Committee (2001-2023)**
 - Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems (Chair)
 - Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces
 - Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 - Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces
- **House Committee on Homeland Security (2003-2023)**
 - Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism
 - Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation
 - Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology
 - Subcommittee on Infrastructure Protection
- **House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (2007-2015)**
- **House Committee on the Budget (2009-2011)**
- **House Committee on Small Business (2001-2003)**

Jim has also led the following Caucuses, including but not limited to:

- Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus
- Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus

- Congressional Olympic & Paralympic Caucus
- Career and Technical Education Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth
- Congressional Submarine Caucus
- Congressional Directed Energy Caucus
- Electronic Warfare Working Group

Throughout his time in Congress, Jim has been honored by numerous organizations and has received the General (Ret.) Michael V. Hayden Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service, Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation DC Legacy Award, Humane Society of the United States Humane Champion Award, Association for Career and Technical Education Lifetime Achievement Award, Department of the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, Distinguished Community Health Defender Award, Robert B. Hurley Distinguished Service Award, and the United Spinal Lifetime Achievement Award, among others. Jim has also been recognized as a National Spinal Cord Injury Association Hall of Fame inductee.

During his time in Congress, Jim oversaw a full-time staff of approximately 20. His House office budget exceeded \$1.77 million.

Rhode Island Secretary of State

1995 – 2001

Jim became the nation's youngest Secretary of State at the time he was elected, and transformed the office into the "people's partner in government." He established the state's Public Information Center, which opened up public records, promoted transparency, and leveraged the extensive use of technology at a time when the emergence of the Internet could facilitate greater public access to information.

Jim also overhauled Rhode Island's outdated election system. He was the chief architect of the effort to replace the oldest voting machines in the country, bringing in new optical scan voting equipment.

In 1988, he won reelection with the largest plurality of any other statewide official within the last century. Jim oversaw a full-time staff of approximately 60. His office budget exceeded \$4.6 million.

Rhode Island General Assembly

1989 – 1995

Jim represented District 29 in the General Assembly, and his tenure is marked by significant reformation efforts. Notably, he led in the creation of Rhode Island's "Rainy Day Fund," which limited State spending to 98-percent of estimated revenues and placed the outstanding 2-percent into a budget reserve and cash stabilization account, adopting a fiscally responsible approach to State budgeting and protecting against any unforeseen economic downturn.

Jim also led the charge to downsize the General Assembly to a more responsible size, as well as the elimination of the State pension system for legislators, putting more money back in Rhode Islanders' pockets.

Constitutional Convention of Rhode Island

1986 – 1987

Jim first ran for public office in 1985, when he was elected as a Delegate to Rhode Island's Constitutional Convention and subsequently served as its Secretary.

EDUCATION

Rhode Island College <i>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration</i> <i>Minor in Economics</i>	1990
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government <i>Master of Public Administration</i>	1994

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jim's most significant legislative accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- National Cyber Director Act
- Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006
- Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2020
- United States-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2020
- K-12 Cybersecurity Act of 2021
- Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
- National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act
- STEM to STEAM Act
- Enhancing the Stature and Visibility of Medical Rehabilitation Research at NIH Act
- Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Wild and Scenic River Act

QUOTATIONS

"As Chair of the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, Congressman Langevin has served at the leading edge of our country's response to the growing consequences of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other emerging technological challenges for our national security. Future generations of policymakers will benefit from his leadership and expertise on these issues, including his service as a Commissioner on the Cyberspace Solarium Commission and his work as a co-founder of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus."

- *HASC Chairman Adam Smith (D-WA)*

"Congressman Jim Langevin has brought to our Caucus and the Congress a fierce fighting spirit during his more than two decades in the House. With extraordinary courage and resilience in the face of adversity, Congressman Langevin blazed new trails as the first quadriplegic ever elected to Congress. By helping us enact the ADA Amendments Act to strengthen the landmark law's vital protections, he has been a force for Americans with disabilities. It was a moment of great pride and progress for our nation when he became the first wheelchair user to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore, presiding over the House as we celebrated twenty years of the ADA. This was only possible because of his inspiration and determination."

- *Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)*

"I never saw him as a Democrat or Republican. He was just a guy that really cared about the country, cared about the national security policies of the country, and just wanted to get good things done. I think most Americans are kind of center, maybe a little center right, but they're in the middle. And Jim really represented that well. I try to do that as well. And he's the person I can work with and a person I can trust. And you know, trust is a hard thing to find in Washington."

- *Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX)*

"[Jim's retirement is] a loss because he has such tremendous credibility on these issues. His colleagues know that he knows what he's talking about."

- *Honorable Suzanne Spaulding*

“Jim was well ahead of the curve, warning the nation about the need to shore up our cyber defenses long before that threat was widely understood. Over and over, Jim has delivered for Rhode Islanders. And for people living with disabilities, Jim is an icon whose success and grace are an example that means a lot throughout the world.”
– Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

“Thanks so much for your leadership, for all that you’ve done across the years for our nation’s military. [You are] also a great partner with many of us in making sure we have a strong industrial base for our shipbuilding. So thanks so much for your leadership and all that you’ve done.”
– Representative Rob Wittman (R-VA)

“Rhode Island is a better place thanks to the leadership and dedication of public servants like Congressman Jim Langevin. From his expertise on cybersecurity to championing CTE funding, and so much more – he has been a key voice for Rhode Islanders.”
– Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee

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