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**Langevin's Leadership on Cybersecurity Recognized at Defense Innovation Days**  
*Congressman Reflects on Progress Made, Underscores Work Remaining*



**NEWPORT, R.I.** — In one of his last major speeches as a member of Congress on cybersecurity—his primary policy thrust across more than two decades of service—Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI-02) today received a standing ovation for his leadership at the sold-out Defense Innovation Days, a national convening of defense industry leaders and senior national security officials.

The Congressman underscored that while his time in Congress is winding down, the work to advance our nation's cyber defenses must continue.

“We’ve made considerable progress on cybersecurity during my time in Congress, and yet, we have much, much more work to do. These are not easy problems to solve, and the threat landscape will only become more complicated moving forward,” Langevin said. “The interconnected nature of American

society—and the vulnerable systems upon which we rely—present a host of opportunities for our adversaries to target, so we need to have a better focus on a security-first market. The fact is that we will never be able to prevent cyber incidents from happening, but the federal government can—and must—work hand in glove with private industry to bolster our cybersecurity.”

Langevin was one of the first voices in Congress to sound the alarm on cyber threats, and that early leadership has extended into an international reputation as a cyber expert. As a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, Langevin chairs the Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems Subcommittee, and he also serves as a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus. He authored the first comprehensive cybersecurity legislation to pass either chamber of Congress and was a driving force behind many national advances on cyber, including the creation of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Office of the National Cyber Director in the White House.

“Congressman Langevin is an unrivaled champion for cybersecurity, respected for his leadership on this issue on both sides of the aisle. SENEDIA and our member companies are tremendously grateful to him for his decades of service and for his continued efforts to increase resources and support for enhanced cyber defenses,” said **Molly Donohue Magee**, executive director of SENEDIA.



At Defense Innovation Days, SENEDIA also recognized Jennifer Duque, the inaugural recipient of the James R. Langevin Cybersecurity Scholarship. Duque has a degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University and is enrolled in the Master of Administration of Justice and Homeland Security program with concentrations in Cybersecurity and Intelligence.

Langevin was joined on his cybersecurity panel by Stacy Bostjanick, the Department of Defense Chief of Implementation and Policy, Deputy CIO; and Eric Goldstein, the Executive Assistant Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Both speakers agreed that cybersecurity must be a

priority for defense systems and protocols at the outset, not an additive strategy, and that workforce development is a key priority for stronger cyber defenses.

“Our most important asset is and always will be our people. New technologies mean little without taking care of and investing in the people who develop them,” Langevin added, pointing to partnerships like the apprenticeship program offered through CCRI, Electric Boat, and the Westerly Education Center. “We need to cultivate this next generation workforce and encourage them to take risks as we drive toward innovation. The concept of ‘smart failure’ is important, and this cultural shift will enhance U.S. competitiveness at a critical time for cybersecurity and national defense.”