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**Sen. DiPalma to hold 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cyber Hygiene Event with Congressman Langevin on Oct. 18**

STATE HOUSE – Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D-Dist. 12, Middletown, Little Compton, Newport, Tiverton), in conjunction with Congressman James R. Langevin, will be holding the first annual Cyber Hygiene Event on **Wednesday, October 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the CCRI Newport Auditorium.** The purpose of the event is to provide the public with an increased awareness of the various cyber exploitations and practical steps to protect one’s self, family, identity, and data from cyberattacks.

“We are all well aware of the increasing number of cyber breaches where computer systems, including just about anything connected to the internet, have been compromised, exposing ourselves and our identification and data, thus making us all vulnerable to exploitation and with the real potential for loss of data. Now, more than ever, there is an ever-increasing need to practice cyber-safe habits and this event will help inform the public on how they can protect themselves and their loved ones from cyberattacks,” said Senator DiPalma.

“Cyberspace is very complex and ensuring your data are secure can be challenging,” said Congressman Langevin, co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus. “This National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, I am pleased to join Senator DiPalma at his first annual Cyber Hygiene Event to promote safe habits online and provide information about how to prevent identity theft. This is a great opportunity for Rhode Islanders to learn practical ways to protect themselves in the wake of breaches like Equifax.”

The event will be hosted by Senator DiPalma and Congressman Langevin, both whom have been leading advocates for cyber defense on both the state and federal level. Also

presenting at the event will be Mike Steinmetz covering RI cyber security initiatives, Captain John Alfred who will discuss cyber intrusions from the perspective of the RI State Police and Derick Rill of the Federal Trade Commission, who will speak about practicing cyber-safe habits. There will be a panel question and answer session at the end of the event moderated by Senator DiPalma.

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