The Fourth Congressional District includes municipalities located throughout Allegheny County , including the North Hills, Alle-Kiski Valley, and Quaker Valley. Congressman Altmire frequently visits with local residents, tours area businesses, and attends community events. He has held town halls and Congress on Your Corner events in Allison Park, Harmar Township, Natrona Heights, Plum Borough, Richland Township, Ross Township, and Shaler Township, to name a few. Here are additional details about Congressman Altmire's activities in Allegheny County:

Extended Tax Cuts for Allegheny County Families

In December 2010, Congressman Altmire voted to extend all of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts through the end of 2012. The Middle Class Tax Relief Act -- which went into effect on December 17, 2010 – will help provide Americans with the certainty needed to make long-term investments and spur job growth by extending the current lower tax rates for another two years. For more information, see: [Altmire Votes to Extend Tax Cuts for All Americans].

Championing the Repeal of the 1099 Provision in the Health Care Reform Law

Congressman Altmire is a cosponsor of the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act which repeals the 1099 provision in the health care reform law. The Act eliminates the requirement that small businesses file a 1099 tax form for every business from which they have purchased more than $600 in goods and services in a single year. The 1099 provision is a burden on small businesses and its repeal will allow them to focus on growing and creating jobs, instead of filling out unnecessary paperwork. For more information, see: [Altmire Votes to Repeal 1099 Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses
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Educating Senior Citizens on Consumer Fraud

In July 2011, Congressman Altmire's office, in conjunction with State Representative Frank Dermody's office hosted three seminars aimed at educating senior citizens on ways to prevent identity theft and other cases of consumer fraud in Oakmont, Plum and Tarentum. Officials from

the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Pittsburgh Postal Inspection Service were on hand to provide information on ways to identify scams specifically targeting sernior citizens. For more information, see: [Altmire, Dermody to Host Senior Seminars to Combat Consumer Fraud].

North Park Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project

In June 2011, Congressman Altmire along with Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato officially re-opened North Park Lake to the community after several years of restoration. In September of 2009, Congressman Altmire joined with Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and other officials from McCandless, Pine and Hampton townships to officially launch the North Park Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project. Congressman Altmire helped to provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the $5 million in federal funding that it needs to carry out this important project, which will help to restore much of the lake's original depth and preserve its fish and wildlife habitats.

Harrison Township Community Center

In April of 2010, Congressman Altmire joined with local community members to break ground on the new Harrison Township Community Center. Congressman Altmire secured $400,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget to help create this new community center, which will house a basketball court, tutoring programs and a variety of other after-school programs for local families.

Talking to Local Teachers about No Child Left Behind

During the summer of 2010, Congressman Altmire met with dozens of educators in the North Hills and the Alle-Kiski Valley to discuss how to improve the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the law that covers federal aid and programs for elementary and secondary schools (K-12). As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Congressman Altmire will play a key role in rewriting NCLB over the next year.

Small Business "Access to Capital" Workshop at La Roche College

In August of 2009, Congressman Altmire held a workshop at La Roche College that provided more than 90 local entrepreneurs with helpful information about how to obtain capital in today's tough economy. Featured speakers at the event included representatives from the U.S. Small

Business Administration, the University of Pittsburgh's Small Business Development Center, the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, and SCORE - America's Small Business Counselors. For more information, see: [More than 90 People Attend Altmire's Small Business "Access to Capital" Workshop].

Helping North Hills Police Departments Purchase Needed Equipment
Congressman Jason Altmire has secured federal funding for both the Shaler and the Ross Township Police Departments to help them purchase new communications equipment. This upgraded technology will make police operations more efficient and improve public safety throughout the North Hills. For more information, see: [Altmire Delivers $100,000 to Shaler Police Department for Improved Technology, Equipment].

Meeting with Local Doctors about Health Care Reform
In August of 2009, Congressman Altmire met with members of the Allegheny County Medical Society to discuss health care reform. During his time in office, Congressman Altmire has repeatedly met with health care providers, small business owners, seniors, and families across western Pennsylvania to discuss how to improve America's health care system.

Town Hall Meeting on Alle-Kiski Valley's Transportation Needs
In April of 2009, Congressman Altmire held a town hall meeting with Allegheny Valley residents to talk about local transportation needs. As Congress rewrites the Highway Reauthorization Bill, Congressman Altmire will play a critical role in advocating for the region's priorities. For more information, see: [Altmire Invites Residents to Town Hall on Alle-Kiski Valley's Transportation Needs].

Supporting Economic Development in Natrona, PA
Congressman Altmire secured $142,500 in the Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget to help transform the old Natrona Ballfield into the Natrona Recreation and Art Park. This remodeled park will be the cornerstone for Natrona's revitalization and will help to attract new families and new businesses to the town. It is expected that the park will also help to lower crime rates by providing young people with a safe place where they can engage in community and educational activities. For more information, see: [Altmire Delivers $142,500 to Help Complete Natrona Recreation and Art Park].

Meeting with Allegheny Valley Chamber of Commerce

In March of 2009, Congressman Altmire met with the Allegheny Valley Chamber of Commerce to talk about health care reform and how he is working to jumpstart America's economy. As Chairman of a House Small Business Subcommittee, Altmire has consistently worked to lower taxes and increase resources for small business owners and local entrepreneurs.

Meeting with North Hills Rotary Clubs

In August of 2009, Congressman Altmire spoke to the Hampton Rotary Club about health care reform and other key issues being debated in Congress. Members from several other North Hills Rotary Clubs – including the Shaler, Etna, McCandless and Fox Chapel Rotaries – also participated in the event.

Non-Profit Grants Workshop in Springdale

Local non-profits offer vital services to western Pennsylvania families. In recent months, however, many non-profits throughout western Pennsylvania have struggled to make ends meet amidst increased demands and declining revenues. To help non-profits serve their communities, Congressman Altmire held a non-profit grants workshop in Springdale, PA in August of 2009. At this workshop, representatives from federal and state agencies shared information about what government grants are available for non-profits and what non-profits can do to improve their applications.

Congressional Art Competition at Northland Public Library

In April of 2009, Congressman Altmire hosted an awards ceremony at the Northland Public

Library for the 27th Annual Congressional Art Competition. Each year, all 435 congressional districts host art competitions to celebrate the talents of America's young artists. Students from across Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District competed in this year's competition. For more information, see: [Altmire Celebrates the Talents of Western Pennsylvania's Young Artists].

For a list of Congressman Altmire's initiatives in Allegheny County during his first term, click here .