

**March 6, 2009**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today announced that 12 communities in Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District will receive more than \$380,000 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an economic recovery package supported by Congressman Altmire that was signed into law last month. Local law enforcement agencies will be able to use these funds to support a broad range of activities aimed at preventing and controlling crime.

**“During this recession, it is critically important that we ensure our cash-strapped police departments have the resources they need,” Altmire said. “The funding local law enforcement is receiving as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help them keep our families safe and prevent an increase in crime that could lead to declining property values, business closings, and job losses. Increased support for our local law enforcement agencies is just one of the many ways our region is going to benefit from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.”**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for several initiatives that will help Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies keep officers on staff and enhance public safety. This \$380,000 is part of more than \$73 million Pennsylvania will receive through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Pennsylvania law enforcement will also be able to apply for additional, competitively-awarded grant funding from the COPS program, which is receiving \$1 billion to help departments nationwide improve their community policing and crime prevention efforts.

The communities receiving funding in Congressman Altmire's district are as follows:

**Allegheny County**

Ross Township - \$27,018

Shaler - \$12,581

**Beaver County**

Aliquippa - \$41,868

Ambridge - \$19,387

Beaver Falls - \$59,399

Center - \$16,087

Monaca - \$11,756

Rochester - \$11,550

**Butler County**

Cranberry Township - \$27,431

Buffalo Township - \$15,262

**Lawrence County**

New Castle - \$122,717

Ellwood City - \$22,086

The American Recovery and Reinvest Act is a forward-looking economic recovery package that will cut taxes for 95 percent of working families and save or create 3.5 million American jobs over the next two years, including 143,000 jobs in Pennsylvania. It also invests in initiatives that are crucial to our nation's long-term economic growth: rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges, improving our local schools, and ensuring our local governments can meet public safety and other needs.