

## Altmire Statement on President's Speech Regarding the Economy

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-4) today made the following statement:

"I welcome the president's decision to step forward and share his ideas about how the Administration and Congress can work together to provide an economic stimulus to avert a recession.

Pennsylvania's families continue to struggle with rising health care costs, sky-high gas prices, and stagnant wages. Our small business owners face uncertainty with fluctuating energy prices and a weak dollar.

We need to take action to alleviate the economic squeeze on Americans, and I hope we can soon reach agreement on a package that delivers targeted relief to the middle class and small businesses quickly."