



The Fourth Congressional District includes parts of [Mercer County](#) , including Farrell, Hermitage, and West Middlesex. Congressman Altmire frequently visits with local residents, tours area businesses, and attends community events. His office also has [open office hours](#) at the Farrell City Building twice a month where constituents can ask questions and express concerns. Here are additional details about some of Congressman Altmire's activities in Mercer County:

### **Cutting Taxes for Mercer County Families**

Congressman Altmire cut taxes for more than 49,000 Mercer County families by voting for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Making Work Pay Tax Credit -- which went into effect on April 1, 2009 -- is the largest middle class tax cut in American history and has provided tax relief to 95 percent of working families. For more information, see: [ [Tax Cut will Boost Western Pennsylvanians' Pay Checks Starting Tomorrow](#)

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### **Town Halls on Health Care Reform**

In August of 2009, Congressman Altmire held a town hall in Farrell, PA on health care reform that drew nearly 1,000 people. For two hours, Congressman Altmire answered local residents' questions about how health care reform would affect seniors, small businesses, and other local stakeholders. Earlier that year in May, Congressman Altmire also participated in an AARP Town Hall on health care reform in Hermitage. For more information, see: [ [Altmire Town Hall on Health Care Draws Nearly 1,000 People](#)

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### **Improving Farrell High School's Library**

In August of 2010, Congressman Altmire presented the Farrell Area School District with \$200,000 he secured in Fiscal Year 2010 federal budget to improve its high school library. With this funding, the Farrell High School library will be able to dramatically improve its literacy curriculum by purchasing new computers and greatly expanding its book collection. The library

will also be able to extend its hours so that parents and community members can utilize its resources. For more information, see: [ [Altmire Secures Funding for Farrell High School Library](#) ].

**Strengthening Resources for Hermitage Police Department**

By voting for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Congressman Altmire provided the Hermitage Police Department with a boost in federal funding that will help it deter crime and keep local families safe. This funding will help to ensure that law enforcement officials facing budget shortfalls during this economic recession will still have the resources that they need to be effective. For more information, see: [ [Western Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Set to Receive Funding from Economic Recovery Package](#) ].

For information about Congressman Altmire's initiatives in Mercer County during his first term, click [here](#) .