



The Fourth Congressional District includes western and southern portions of [Butler County](#) , including Cranberry Township, Buffalo Township, and Zelienople. Congressman Altmire frequently visits with local residents, tours area businesses, and attends community events. His office also has

[open office hours](#)

at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building twice a month where constituents can ask questions and express concerns. Here are additional details about some of Congressman Altmire's activities in Butler County.

Protecting Funding for Construction of New Butler VA Facility

In July of 2010, Congressman Altmire successfully defeated an attempt to strip federal funding for Butler VA Health Care's new Domiciliary Extended Stay Unit from the Fiscal Year 2011 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act (H.R. 5822). As a result of Congressman Altmire's efforts, Butler VA Health Care will be able to move forward with building a new Domiciliary Extended Stay Unit to house local veterans. For more information, see: [[Altmire Protects Funding for Butler VA Improvements](#)

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Buffalo Township Business Park

Congressman Altmire secured \$339,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget to help develop the Buffalo Township Business Park, a 50 + acre commercial development that will spur the development of technology-based businesses in Butler County. The site will feature a business incubator run by Carnegie Mellon University that can help local entrepreneurs expand their operations and create more good paying jobs. For more information, see: [[Altmire Brings](#)

[Funds to Buffalo](#)

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Talking to Local Seniors about Health Care Reform

As Congress debated how best to reform our nation's health care system, Congressman Altmire repeatedly met with local seniors to listen to their views. In May of 2009, Congressman Altmire participated in an AARP town hall on health care reform in Cranberry. In August of 2009, he visited the Cranberry Silver Sneakers program at the Schneider Family YMCA to talk to seniors about Medicare and other key issues. This year, Congressman Altmire held another meeting with seniors at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building to answer their questions about Social Security and how the new health care law will affect them.

Workshops for Local Entrepreneurs and Non-Profits

This year, Congressman Altmire has held two workshops at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building to help local entrepreneurs and non-profits. In August of 2010, Congressman Altmire held a small business workshop on how to gain access to capital during tight credit markets. During this workshop, representatives from the Small Business Administration, USDA Rural Development, and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking provided an update on financing programs available to small businesses, along with advice to consider when applying. To help non-profits serve their communities, in March of 2010 Congressman Altmire also held a non-profit workshop on how local organizations can leverage various types of in-kind support -- such as interns, corporate volunteer programs, or professional organizations offering pro-bono work.



Meeting with Cranberry Chamber of Commerce

Over the past two years, Congressman Altmire has met with the Cranberry Chamber of Commerce and the Cranberry Rotary Club to talk about 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.

Helping the Cranberry Police Department Protect Local Communities

Congressman Altmire secured \$100,000 for the Cranberry Police Department in the Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget to help it purchase and upgrade communications equipment. This improved equipment will help the Cranberry Police Department coordinate with other local police departments and improve public safety along Interstate 79, Interstate 76, State Route 19, and the surrounding communities.

Talking to Local High School Students

In 2010, Congressman Altmire visited civics classes at Mars Area Senior High School and Seneca Valley High School to discuss his role as western Pennsylvania's representative in Congress. Congressman Altmire routinely visits schools across the Fourth Congressional District to talk to students about American government.

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