(Washington, DC) - *Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-4) released the following statement regarding today's vote in the U.S. House of Representatives to override President Bush's veto of H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance bill.*

"I am extremely disappointed with the majority of my Republican colleagues who continue to stubbornly follow President Bush in denying health care coverage to 10 million children. They stand in the way of progress."

"We passed a bipartisan bill, supported by 43 Governors and over 270 organizations, in both the House and Senate. It's a strong bill that builds on a highly successful program. It helps thousands of Pennsylvania's working families - who make too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to afford private health insurance - get health care coverage for their children. And it's fully paid for, adding no additional cost to the taxpayers."

"Despite today's vote, I remain committed to reauthorizing SCHIP and providing Americaï¿½s children with the health coverage that they need and deserve."