(Aliquippa, PA) - Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4) released the following statement today regarding a petition circulated by concerned citizens who are in favor of retaining a commissary and post exchange facility in western Pennsylvania. The petition was delivered to Rep. Tim Murphy (PA-18) this afternoon at the Oakdale Borough Community Center.

"I join with the over 20,000 signatories of this petition in support of retaining a commissary and post exchange facility in western Pennsylvania.

"The commissary and post exchange with its Military Clothing Sales Store at the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in Oakdale, Pennsylvania, is integral to the quality of life to thousands of military families and veterans in the region, many of whom live in the Fourth Congressional District.

"I look forward to working with Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to preserve a commissary and post exchange in western Pennsylvania and to ensure that the over 170,000 active duty military personnel, veterans and their dependents in our area continue to have full access to their hard-earned and promised benefits."