

(Washington, DC)- Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4) released the following statement today on H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, following a press conference held today by Rep. Mike Doyle (PA-14) and Allegheny County Councilman John DeFazio. Councilman DeFazio will introduce a bill in support of H.R. 811 during the March 6, 2007 County Council meeting.

"I became a cosponsor of H.R. 811 because we cannot wait any longer to restore confidence in our electoral process. The Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act would make elections more transparent and secure by requiring a voter-verified paper ballot for every vote cast. It would also keep the election process accessible to voters with disabilities by authorizing \$1 million in funding for the study of improved methods by which the disabled and those with language assistance needs can create and verify paper ballots.

Every American should be confident that their vote will count on Election Day. A paper trail is a necessity in our democracy. This bipartisan bill will help ensure the integrity of the outcomes of future elections. I join with Congressman Mike Doyle in his support of H.R. 811 and commend Allegheny County Councilman John DeFazio for his efforts to safeguard our local elections process."