(Washington, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) tonight released the following statement on Senator John McCain's proposal to construct 45 nuclear reactors by 2030 and spend $2 billion a year in federal funding on clean coal.

"I have always been a strong supporter of nuclear energy and clean coal technology, and I welcome Senator McCain's announcement today that he is committed to investing in these industries. Western Pennsylvania's vast coal resources and strong nuclear industry will be a tremendous source of economic growth for our region and make America more energy independent."