(Washington, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today released the following statement praising the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the District of Columbia's ban on hand guns. In January, Congressman Altmire joined with 304 colleagues in filing an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the ban was unconstitutional.

"Our nation's constitution is clear -- Americans have the right to bear arms. The Supreme Court made the right decision today in deciding to uphold the Second Amendment and put an end to D.C.'s ban on hand guns.

"This decision is an important precedent that will help to protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners in the years to come. I will continue working in Congress to protect the Second Amendment and Americans' right to own guns."