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(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today issued the following statement on President Bush's decision to commute the sentences of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, two former border agents who were imprisoned for shooting an alleged Mexican drug dealer in 2005. Altmire traveled to the site of the incident and talked to agents who worked with Ramos and Compean in 2007. He has consistently advocated for Ramos' and Compean's excessive sentences to be commuted.

“Today, justice has finally been served. The sentences that Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean received were excessive, and President Bush was right to commute them.

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“I have constantly pushed for the sentences of Ramos and Compean to be commuted because it is the right thing to do. Ramos and Compean both dedicated themselves to doing an extremely difficult job, and they did not deserve the excessive punishment they were given.”

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