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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire's (PA-04) voting record in 2008 places him exactly in the center of the U.S. House of Representatives, according to an independent study released today by National Journal, a non-partisan Capitol Hill publication. Exactly 50 percent of the Members of the House of Representatives are more liberal than Altmire and exactly 50 percent of Members are more conservative.

National Journal evaluated 78 different key votes in the areas of economic, social and foreign policy to formulate its ratings.

"When I decide how to vote on piece of legislation, I don't care whether Democrats or Republicans wrote the bill. What I care about is whether or not it will help the people of western Pennsylvania," Altmire said. "In 2009, I look forward to continuing to work with both Republicans and Democrats to pass legislation that will help our region."

A chart of National Journal's vote ratings can be viewed by clicking here .