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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today met with the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki to talk about local and national veterans' concerns. Specifically, Altmire and Secretary Shinseki discussed the need to provide the VA with increased funding so it can improve the quality and administration of care. Advocating for America's veterans has always been one of Altmire's top priorities.

**“Today, Secretary Shinseki and I were able to talk about a number of issues that are important to our nation’s veterans,” Altmire said. “It is clear to me that Secretary Shinseki is fully committed to ensuring our nation’s veterans receive the highest quality of care. I look forward to working with him to make sure that all American heroes receive the benefits they have earned.”**

Altmire has quickly established himself as one of Congress' leading voices on veterans' issues. To date, six different pieces of legislation Altmire wrote to help veterans and military families have been signed into law. Altmire's laws will guarantee our wounded warriors receive their full enlistment bonuses, help veterans successfully start and run small businesses, improve treatment for traumatic brain injuries, extend the Family Medical Leave Act to help military families deal with issues arising from deployment, and more.

A photo of Altmire's meeting with Secretary Shinseki can be viewed by clicking [here](#) .