

(Washington, DC)-This week, Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4), a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, voted for three bills that will help ensure clean water is available to Pennsylvania's families by authorizing over \$15 billion in low interest loans and grants for critical water infrastructure needs.

"Western Pennsylvania's aged water infrastructure is in critical need of investment and modernization," said Rep. Altmire. **"These bills promote public health by helping communities prevent sewer overflows, preserve the environment and help states and municipalities pay for critical infrastructure improvements that would otherwise be financially impossible."**

"H.R. 569 is especially important for western Pennsylvania's municipalities who have some of the oldest water infrastructure in the nation," Rep. Altmire stated. **"This bipartisan bill, which authorizes \$1.8 billion to prevent dangerous sewer overflows, will help local governments stop sewage and untreated waste from flowing into our streets, basements, rivers and lakes."**

"In addition to supporting these bills, I will fight to reject the President's budget proposal to cut more than \$15 million in clean water funds from Pennsylvania," added Rep. Altmire.

The House of Representatives considered the following bills on clean water:

- H.R. 569, Reauthorizing Sewer Overflow Control Grants, passed the House Wednesday by a vote of 367 to 58. The bill authorizes \$1.8 billion in grants to communities over the next five years to address a major public health issue caused by sewer overflows.
- H.R. 700, Reauthorizing Pilot Program for Increasing Usable Water Supply, passed the House Thursday by a vote of 368 to 59. The measure authorizes \$125 million to fund projects that increase communities - usable water supply by encouraging innovation in water reclamation, reuse and conservation.
- H.R. 720, Reauthorizing Clean Water State Revolving Fund, passed the House Friday by a vote of 303 to 108. H.R. 720 authorizes \$14 billion in loans to communities to pay for building and improving wastewater treatment facilities.