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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) went to the White House to stand in support of reinstating pay-as-you-go budget rules that can help reduce America's deficit. At today's event, President Obama unveiled legislation that he is sending to Congress that would reinstate statutory pay-go rules and require that any new mandatory government spending be matched with budget cuts or savings elsewhere.

**“Reinstating pay-as-you-go budget rules is a step that we must take to put America’s fiscal house back in order,” Altmire said. “For too long, Congress has charged big ticket items to the credit card, rather than finding ways to pay for them. I have long worked to change this, and I believe that this new legislation will bolster our efforts to ensure Congress makes the tough decisions needed to reign in our budget deficits.”**□

A member of the conservative Blue Dog Coalition, Altmire has long advocated for pay-as-you budget rules and other fiscal responsibility measures. One of Altmire's first actions when he came to Congress in 2007 was to vote to reinstitute pay-as-you-go budgeting to the rules of the House (H.Res. 6). The legislation President Obama introduced today would supplement the House's efforts by reinstating statutory pay-as-you-go rules.