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(Washington, D.C.) – More than 12,000 constituents from Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District participated in U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire's (PA-04) telephone town hall tonight to talk about health care reform. This is the second telephone town hall Altmire has held this month to gather input from western Pennsylvania families about what challenges they face under our current health care system and what they think should be done to make health care more affordable and accessible.

“Every family and every small business in western Pennsylvania is affected by the high cost of health care,” Altmire said. “I held this telephone town hall, because I want to talk to as many western Pennsylvanians as possible about what does and does not work for them in our current system. As Congress continues to debate health care reform, I will work to ensure that we are making the reforms needed to lower health care costs for families and small businesses.”

As the co-chair of the New Democrat Health Care Task Force -- a coalition of moderate Democrats committed to modernizing America's health care system – and as a member of the Education and Labor Committee, Altmire is helping to shape the health care reform legislation that is currently making its way through Congress. Altmire's top priorities are putting in place reforms that will cut wasteful spending in our current health care system, improve the quality of care available, and lower health care costs for families and small businesses.