

**October 17, 2009**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) held a town hall on health care reform in Ambridge, PA that drew more than 300 western Pennsylvanians. During his two terms in Congress, Altmire has held dozens of town halls and open public meetings across western Pennsylvania to listen to his constituents' views on various issues.

**“I want to thank everyone who took time out of their Saturday to come talk with me about how we can improve America’s health care system,” Altmire said. “My number one priority is ensuring that we take the steps needed to lower health care costs for families and small businesses. I will also fight to make sure that any bill we pass in Congress preserves what works in our current system and does not add one penny to the federal deficit.”**

This year, Altmire has talked to thousands of Pennsylvanians about health care reform. In August, Congressman Altmire held a town hall meeting on health care reform that drew nearly 1,000 people. Altmire also held three telephone town halls over the summer that drew more than 12,000 people each. In addition to these large town hall meetings, Altmire also spent the summer discussing health care reform with small groups of health care providers, seniors, and small business leaders from across western Pennsylvania.