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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today helped introduce legislation that would effectively prohibit the U.S. Department of Justice from trying 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and his co-conspirators in civilian courts in western Pennsylvania or anywhere else in the continental U.S. Altmire is an original co-sponsor of this legislation, which specifically prohibits the U.S. Department of Justice from using federal funding to try suspected 9/11 terrorists in civilian courts.

**“Suspected terrorists should not be tried in civilian courts in the U.S.,” Altmire said. “Such a trial could both jeopardize our national security and cost taxpayers millions of dollars. I have repeatedly voted against bringing these alleged terrorists to the U.S. for civilian trials, and I will continue to actively oppose any attempt to try them in western Pennsylvania.”**

Yesterday, Altmire sent a letter to President Obama stating that he will strongly oppose any attempt to try 9/11 terrorists in western Pennsylvania. You can view the text of this letter by clicking [here](#) .