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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - US Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today praised the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) announcement that it will release funding to help western Pennsylvania cover the costs associated with the February 2010 snow storms. Soon after the storms occurred, Altmire held a conference call with state and local emergency officials to assess the damage and discuss the process to apply for federal funding. Altmire and other members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation also sent a letter to FEMA in support of the Governor's application for disaster assistance.

"The severe snow storms, which hit western Pennsylvania in February, strained the resources of local governments throughout our region." Congressman Altmire said. "I fought for this much-needed federal funding because it was clear that our counties needed and deserved help. I'm very pleased that FEMA has responded to our requests and is going to provide western Pennsylvania with much-needed assistance."

Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Westmoreland Counties were named among other counties in Pennsylvania to receive assistance in the Federal Disaster Declaration. Attached is the letter Altmire signed in support of Pennsylvania's disaster declaration.