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(Washington, D.C.) -- Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) voted to stop Members of Congress from receiving a pay raise next year. Congressman Altmire is an original co-sponsor of the Block FY 2011 Pay Raise for Members of Congress Act (H.R. 5146), which passed today by a vote of 402-15. This is the third time Congressman Altmire has voted to cancel Congress's scheduled pay raise.

"Given the severe budget deficit our nation faces, we must do everything in our power to cut government spending whenever possible," Congressman Altmire said. "Canceling pay raises for Members of Congress next year is simply the right thing to do."

Congressman Altmire is a long-time opponent of Congressional pay raises and has supported legislation canceling pay raises for Members of Congress each year that he has been in office. Additionally, Congressman Altmire has run his office so efficiently that he has already returned more than \$250,000 to the federal Treasury during his brief tenure.

In 1989, Congress passed a law that provides lawmakers with an automatic pay raise every January unless they vote to reject it.