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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) has voted for legislation that will help to eliminate \$98 billion in wasteful spending by cracking down on improper payments at federal agencies. Altmire is a cosponsor of the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (H.R. 3393), which passed the House yesterday. This bill must still pass the Senate before it can be signed into law.

“It is simply outrageous that federal agencies wasted nearly \$100 billion in taxpayer dollars last year by issuing improper payments for products and services,” Altmire said. “This legislation will push federal agencies to take the steps needed to eliminate this waste, fraud, and abuse. At a time when our country is facing severe budget deficits, we must do everything we can to ensure that all government agencies are using taxpayers’ money as efficiently as possible.”

It is estimated that federal agencies wasted nearly \$98 billion in FY 2009 by either paying twice or paying too much for a certain product or service. H.R. 3393 will help to eliminate these improper payments by increasing transparency at federal agencies, requiring agencies to develop action plans to avoid future waste, and recovering overpayments.