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(Washington, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today applauded the enactment of legislation that will cancel Member of Congress's pay raises for FY 2011. Congressman Altmire is an original co-sponsor of the Block FY 2011 Pay Raise for Members of Congress Act (H.R. 5146), which passed the House on April 27, 2010. This law marks the second year in a row that Congress has cancelled its pay raise.

“Given the severe budget deficit our nation faces, we should be doing everything we can 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.