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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Continuing his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration, last night U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) voted for legislation that will improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border. The FY 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Act (H.R. 4899) passed the House last night and must still pass the Senate before it can be signed into law.

“Since I first came to Congress, I have made securing our nation’s borders one of my top priorities,” Congressman Altmire said. “With this legislation, we would be able to put 1,200 additional Border Patrol agents along our nation’s Southwest Border and improve our ability to stop would-be illegal immigrants.”

With this legislation, the government would also be able to hire 500 additional Customs and Border Protection officers, improve surveillance technology along the border, and strengthen efforts to combat drug trafficking and drug-related violence.