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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today released the following statement after the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act was signed into law. Congressman Altmire is a cosponsor of this legislation, which will stop federal agencies from wasting billions of dollars each year by either paying twice or paying too much for certain projects and services.

“It is simply outrageous that federal agencies wasted nearly $100 billion last year by issuing improper payments for products and services,” Altmire said. “This new law will force federal agencies to help stop waste, fraud, and abuse. Out of respect for America’s taxpayers, we should do everything we can to ensure that federal agencies are using their money as efficiently as possible.”

The Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act will help to eliminate improper payments by increasing transparency at federal agencies, requiring agencies to develop action plans to avoid future waste, and recovering overpayments.