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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) released the following statement after voting to extend the 2001 and 2003 middle class tax cuts. Over the past few months, Congressman Altmire has joined his colleagues in sending letters to the House leadership urging them to schedule a vote on extending all of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts as soon as possible.

“I have long made it clear that I support extending all of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. This includes the top bracket, which often covers the job-creating small businesses and employers that need certainty about the tax and regulatory playing field before they make long-term strategic decisions. I believe the failure to provide that certainty by extending all the tax cuts has been a contributing factor in stalling our economic recovery.

“Today, legislation was brought before the House to extend the tax cuts for all but the top income bracket. Although I would have preferred a bill that covered all tax brackets, I voted in favor of today’s bill because I refuse to deny relief to 98 percent of American taxpayers while Congress and the president debate and finalize the terms of what I hope and expect will be an extension of the tax cuts for the top income bracket. To this end, I will continue working to extend tax cuts for all Americans and will support legislation to do so when it is inevitably brought up for a vote in the coming weeks.”

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