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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today voted to cut congressional office budgets by five percent, saving American taxpayers millions of dollars. House Resolution 22 passed by a vote of 410-13 and will take effect immediately. As part of his commitment to fiscal responsibility, Congressman Altmire has run his office in such a cost-effective manner that he has been able to return more than \$400,000 to the federal treasury.

“Countless American families have had to tighten their belts, and it is only right that Congress should do the same,” Congressman Altmire said. “In this new Congress, we should do everything we can to reduce wasteful federal spending and get our nation’s fiscal house back in order.”

Today, Congressman Altmire also cosponsored the Congressional Pay Cut Act, legislation that would cut members of Congress’s salaries by 5 percent. Congressman Altmire has supported bills that blocked pay raises for members of Congress every year that he has been in office. Last year, Congressman Altmire helped to create a law that cancelled members of Congress’s pay raises for the second year in a row.