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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today welcomed the Obama Administration's announcement that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and other suspected terrorists accused of attacking America on 9/11 will be tried in military courts in Guantanamo Bay. Congressman Altmire has consistently advocated for military trials for these detainees due to national security concerns.

"I am glad that the Administration has now agreed to try those suspected of attacking us on 9/11 in military courts," Congressman Altmire said. "I repeatedly pressed the Administration to abandon its original plan of holding civilian trials, because I truly believe that trying these suspected terrorists in military courts is the best way to bring them to justice without jeopardizing our national security."

When reports surfaced last year that the Obama Administration was considering trying suspected 9/11 masterminds in western Pennsylvania, Congressman Altmire sent a letter to the president strongly opposing plans to hold the trials in civilian courts anywhere in the United States. Congressman Altmire has also repeatedly voted to block Guantanamo Bay detainees from being brought to the United States for civilian trials. For more information on Congressman Altmire's record on this issue, please [click here](#) .