

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-4) today welcomed the Bush Administration's release of more than \$44 million in energy assistance to help Pennsylvania seniors and working families pay their home heating bills this winter. More than \$450 million in home energy assistance nationwide was made available today.

"I am glad that the Bush Administration has released these funds to help Pennsylvania seniors and working families pay their heating bills this winter," Altmire said. **"****I have repeatedly heard from local families whose wallets are being drained by high home energy costs. This money is absolutely crucial to ensuring western Pennsylvanians are not left out in the cold because they cannot cover their home heating bills."**

"I hope that as the year progresses, we will be able to continue working together in a bipartisan manner to address rising home energy costs and increase America's energy security," Altmire continued.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that this winter, households can expect to pay between 10 to 22 percent more for heating fuels than they did during the 2006 - 2007 winter. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Congressman Altmire has consistently championed efforts to secure LIHEAP funding for western Pennsylvania families. The 110th Congress included \$2.6 billion in LIHEAP funding in their recently enacted final budget bill - a \$400 million increase over last year.

Pennsylvanians can click on the following link to access additional information and LIHEAP applications: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP/> .

Western Pennsylvanians can also contact the following county offices for LIHEAP assistance.

Allegheny County Assistance Office Headquarters

611 Pittsburgh State Office Building
300 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1215
Phone: 412-565-2151
LIHEAP (Cash)
412-562-0330
LIHEAP (Crisis)
800-851-3838
FAX: 412-565-3660

Beaver County Assistance Office

171 Virginia Avenue
P. O. Box 349
Rochester, PA 15074-0349
Toll Free: 1-800-653-3129
Phone: 724-773-7300
LIHEAP 724-773-7495
FAX: 724-773-7859

Butler County Assistance Office

108 Woody Dr.
Butler, PA 16001-5692
Toll Free: 1-866-256-0093
Phone: 724-284-8844
FAX: 724-284-8833

Lawrence County Assistance Office

108 Cascade Galleria
New Castle, PA 16101-3900
Toll Free: 1-800-847-4522
Phone: 724-656-3000
LIHEAP 724-656-3021
FAX: 724-656-3076

Mercer County Assistance Office

2236 Highland Road
Hermitage, PA 16148-2896
Toll Free: 1-800-747-8405

Phone: 724-983-5000
LIHEAP 724-983-5022
FAX: 724-983-5706

Westmoreland County Assistance Office - Main Office

587 Sells Lane
Greensburg, PA 15601-4493
Toll Free: 1-800-905-5413
Phone: 724-832-5200
LIHEAP 724-832-5524
FAX: 724-832-5202