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(MONACA, PA) -- At a press conference today at the Monaca Borough Building, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) joined with local elected and public safety officials to officially launch Monaca's new and improved camera security system. Congressman Altmire secured \$100,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 federal budget to help the Monaca Police Department purchase cameras to install in the borough building, wastewater treatment plant, water reservoir, police station, and public parks.

"These cameras will help our local police solve crimes and protect community resources," Congressman Altmire said. "I worked to secure funding for this project at the federal level, because I want our police to have the equipment that they need to protect our communities."

This project began when Monaca received briefings from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security about potential threats to municipal water systems. After Congressman Altmire secured the initial funding needed to purchase cameras for local facilities, the borough was able to expand the project by obtaining an additional grant from the Port of Pittsburgh Commission so that it could more effectively monitor the Ohio River waterway. The borough is now working to secure additional funding so that it can improve security throughout the Central Valley School District and the Beaver County Housing Authority's facilities as well.

"I want to thank Congressman Altmire for helping us obtain the initial funding needed to start this project," Mayor John Antoline said. "These cameras will provide our officers with real-time intelligence when they are responding to incidents and conducting investigations. When it comes to fighting crime, the value of being able to gather information like this cannot be overstated."

"We could not have launched this important project without Congressman Altmire's help," Public Safety Chairman Councilman William Calhoon said. "This camera security system is going to be a great asset for our borough in the years to come."