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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) has successfully inserted an amendment in the FY 2012 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill that will improve veterans' access to quality prosthetics. Originally, this bill significantly cut funding for medical and prosthetic research at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), despite the fact that multiple veterans have told Congress that the transition from prosthetic care at the Department of Defense (DoD) to their local VA is often sluggish and inconsistent, which can impact their everyday life. Congressman Altmire's amendment, which was endorsed by the American Legion, will help the VA improve its prosthetics by restoring much of its research funding at no new cost to taxpayers.

"We can never repay America's veterans for their sacrifice. What amount of money could replace an arm or a leg lost in the line of duty?," Congressman Altmire said. "The least that we can do is ensure that the VA has the resources it needs to conduct medical research and provide veterans with the highest quality prosthetics after they leave the service."

If, as expected, the overall bill passes the House later this month, this amendment would be Congressman Altmire's 41st legislative initiative to pass the House during his congressional career. In all, Congressman Altmire has authored seven bills dealing directly with veterans' issues that have been signed into law.

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