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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today issued the following statement on the announcement from the U.S. Department of Labor that the unemployment rate in June rose to 9.2 percent and the economy added only 18,000 jobs:

"Today's poor jobs report should be a wakeup call for members of both parties," Congressman Altmire said. "Gridlock and partisanship will do nothing to put Americans back to work. Everyone is going to have to make some concessions if we are going to make real cuts in federal spending and get this economy headed in the right direction. Some of these decisions may have to be very difficult, but it's simply the only option we have."