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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today will vote in favor of a bipartisan debt limit increase package that includes responsible cuts in federal spending and lays a path for long-term deficit reduction.

Congressman Altmire said:

"Addressing this nation's fiscal responsibilities can't be done by listening only to the views of extremists of either political party. All along, I've called for a centrist approach to reduce spending and lay the groundwork for long-term deficit reduction. This package makes the responsible cuts in Washington's long history of over-spending without harming Social Security, veterans' benefits and military pay. Because this debt limit increase does not put us back in this situation six months from now, this bill provides a sense of certainty to our financial markets that have been unhappy with the process involved with fulfilling our credit obligations. The American people wanted compromise, a solution from the middle, and today Democrats and Republicans delivered that to them."