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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) issued the following statement after President Barack Obama's speech to a Joint Session of Congress.

Congressman Altmire said:

"The President gave a nice speech tonight, but the time for speeches is long gone. The American people aren't looking for more of the same rhetoric from Washington. Now is the time for action.

"At the forefront, Congress needs to pass a comprehensive reauthorization of our federal transportation law. This single piece of legislation means thousands of jobs in western Pennsylvania providing strong investments in our roads, bridges and dams. I am ready to move forward, without the partisan gridlock that has stalled our economic growth, in order to put Americans back to work."

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