

**October 5, 2011**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of the "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011," H.R. 2681. The bill, of which Congressman Altmire is an original co-sponsor, would reduce the regulatory burden placed on the cement industry, a sector of the economy that has been devastated by job loss and manufacturing facility closures.

"The cement industry has been hit hard by the current economic downturn," Congressman Altmire said. "Over the last four years, more than 4,000 workers have been laid off because the demand for cement has drastically fallen. Adding another burdensome regulation on an industry that couldn't possibly afford to comply would cost jobs, force more closures, and does nothing to improve this economy."

The "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act" has been introduced with bipartisan support and has been endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The House is expected to consider this measure during votes the week of October 3, 2011.

To view Congressman Altmire's floor speech on the "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act," please [click here](#).