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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today voted in favor of a bipartisan bill that repeals a burdensome tax increase on businesses set to take effect in 2013. The bill, H.R. 674, co-sponsored by Congressman Altmire and nearly two-thirds of the House of Representatives, removes the three percent withholding on payments made to vendors doing business with a government entity.

"This bipartisan legislation removes what amounts to a tax increase at a time when businesses can least afford it," Congressman Altmire said. "It's time we get serious about helping businesses succeed in western Pennsylvania, and this repeal is a step in the right direction. Common sense changes like this and Congress's earlier repeal of the 1099 reporting requirement can have a big impact on a business's ability to hire workers and expand. It is this kind of work where Congress should focus its attention."

The three percent withholding was originally scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2011, but was postponed until 2013. Congressman Altmire voted in favor of the delay and has co-sponsored the legislation calling for the permanent repeal. The bill passed the House by a vote of 405-16.