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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today helped introduce the Invest in American Jobs Act of 2011 with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member, Nick Rahall, and other Committee members. The legislation strengthens current requirements on transportation and infrastructure investments by ensuring that products used to construct projects across the country are produced in the United States.

"In western Pennsylvania, our roads and bridges are crumbling, just like they are across the country," said Congressman Altmire. **"To make matters worse, we are losing jobs by the thousands to overseas suppliers when reliable products to improve our infrastructure are being made right here in America. This legislation ensures that America's transportation systems are being constructed by American companies. I can think of no better way to put American citizens back to work than creating good-paying construction jobs, improving America's roadways to allow the transportation of goods, and supporting our manufacturers and suppliers right here at home."**

The Invest in American Jobs Act of 2011 will:

- Strengthen Buy America requirements to ensure steel, iron and manufactured goods used in highways, bridges, public transit systems, railways, and aviation infrastructure are produced in the United States;
- Apply Buy America requirements to other transportation and infrastructure investments, including rail infrastructure grants, loans, and loan guarantees, Clean Water State Revolving Fund grants, and Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants; and
- Requires federal agencies to justify any proposed waiver of the Buy America requirements and requires public comment on any proposed waiver prior to taking effect.

A complete summary of the Invest in American Jobs Act of 2011 is available by [clicking here](#) .