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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) issued the following statement on reports that President Barack Obama will reject the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

Congressman Altmire said:

"The rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline permit is a missed opportunity to drastically turn this economy around. This pipeline would have created thousands of new jobs and helped to ensure our energy independence. Make no mistake, this pipeline will be built, but now Canadian jobs will be created and China and its markets will benefit from the oil transported through this pipeline. At a time when American families and businesses are saving to cover rising fuel costs, a pipeline to the Gulf Coast could provide a savings to them. I strongly urge the president to reconsider his objection to this pipeline. The positive impact it can have on our country is too great to pass up."

Congressman Altmire spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today in strong support of the pipeline's construction. To view the floor speech, please [click here](#) .