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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) issued the following statement on President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address to a joint session of Congress.

Congressman Altmire said:

"Tonight, the president outlined a clear path forward to restore our economy and protect working families. Western Pennsylvania is key to this plan. By focusing on energy, our region's rich energy resources can help our regional job creation efforts while boosting our local economy. Most importantly, the president's continued commitment to protect working Americans and consumers and hold Wall Street accountable for its actions is a reassurance to the millions of American families who have been hit hardest by the recession. President Obama was right to remind Americans of the importance the Wall Street reforms passed by Congress have had in stabilizing the financial markets and improving our overall economic outlook.

"We need to pursue policies that will create an economy that is conducive to growth, rebuild trust in our financial systems, and encourage more Americans to invest in the future. I will continue to work on these important issues while promoting fiscal responsibility and finding common ground to produce results."