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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) testified before the House Budget Committee today on his priorities for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 federal budget. In his testimony, Congressman Altmire urged the panel to preserve entitlement programs for seniors and veterans, and work together to address the nation's fiscal problems in a responsible, bipartisan manner.

"Congress has some difficult decisions to make in order to get the nation's debt under control," Congressman Altmire said. "Returning to an era of responsible budgeting and bipartisanship is the first step to getting this country back on solid fiscal ground. I am ready to work with my colleagues to draft a budget that makes reasonable cuts in spending without raiding programs like Social Security and Medicare, or dismantling services to veterans. Simply put, veterans and seniors are not the cause of our deficits, so we should not look to them to solve our current crisis."

A complete copy of Congressman Altmire's testimony to the House Budget Committee is available by [clicking here](#) .