

Biography of Congressman Jason Altmire

Congressman Jason Altmire is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represents all or parts of six counties in western Pennsylvania. He has quickly established himself as one of the leading voices in Congress on veteran, health care and small business issues.

He has been named a subcommittee chairman on the Small Business Committee, and his leadership to guarantee bonuses for combat wounded veterans garnered national attention. He has a proven record of legislative success, including authoring 24 different legislative initiatives that have already passed the House. Sixteen of those initiatives have been signed into law. He is also credited with directing over \$80 million in federal funding to western Pennsylvania for key economic development projects.

His significant accomplishments as a first-term congressman have been widely recognized. Jason was named the Biotechnology Industry Organization's "Legislator of the Year" in recognition of his strong support of small biotech companies in western Pennsylvania and his legislation to help small businesses obtain vital start-up funding. He has also been profiled in a number of national media outlets and has been a guest on a variety of national television news programs and even Comedy Central's popular political satire, The Colbert Report.

Jason grew up in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, where he was a record-breaking two-sport athlete at Burrell High School. He attended Florida State University, where he was a member of the school's first Sugar Bowl championship football team. He has a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the George Washington University. Prior to his election to Congress in 2006, Jason spent 15 years in health care policy, working as a congressional staffer, a hospital association executive and for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Jason currently lives in the North Hills of Allegheny County with his wife, Kelly, and their two daughters.