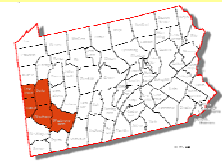


**2008 GENERAL ELECTION – Vote November 4**

**Pennsylvania – U.S. House District 4**



**Democrat –Incumbent**

**Republican—Challenger**

**Jason Altmire**

**Political experience:** One term in the U.S. House, 2007-present  
**Background:** Healthcare executive  
**Family & Faith:** Married (Kelly) and has two children; Catholic  
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**Melissa Hart**

**Political experience:** Three terms in the U.S. House, 2001-2006; Pennsylvania State Senator, 1990-2000  
**Background:** JD, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1987; Attorney  
**Family & Faith:** Single; Catholic  
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Supports abortion in the cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the woman is endangered—from the Congressional National Political Awareness Test (CNPAT) - Nov. 7, 2006. Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research on Jan. 11, 2007 (2007-020).	<b>Abortion &amp; Stem Cell Research</b>	Sponsored the Unborn Victims of Violence Act that was signed into law in 2004; One of the original sponsors of a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution; Co-sponsored the Partial Birth Abortion Ban in 2003; Voted against expanding embryonic stem cell research in 2005.
Strongly supports strengthening public schools and opposes parents choosing schools via the use of vouchers. Supports the use of more funds for school infrastructure and college loans. (VoteMatch)	<b>Education</b>	What would you do to give parents affordable options for the education of their children? "I support school choice in all of its forms, but prefer the state based programs because most of the money for schools is raised at that level." (response to questionnaire)
"Jason believes our dependence on foreign oil is at the heart of our nation's energy problem. He has worked in Congress to promote sensible energy policies that encourage scientists to research and develop alternative clean energy resources such as coal-to-liquid and ethanol, as well as renewable fuels. At a time when big oil companies are enjoying record profits, Jason voted to rescind the \$14 billion in subsidies and tax breaks given away to these companies and redirect that funding towards research and development of alternative sources of energy." (campaign website)	<b>Energy</b>	What concrete steps do we need to take to reduce our dependence on foreign oil? "We must open areas now closed to drilling in the U.S., such as ANWR & offshore. We must develop other sources, such as oil shale. It is important that we concurrently continue to develop nuclear facilities and modern coal uses as well as renewables for the future." (questionnaire response)  "A comprehensive energy plan is required to ensure America's economic strength." (campaign website)
Do you support making President Bush's tax cuts permanent? "No. Return to pay-as-you-go budget system that turned record deficits into record surpluses in the 1990's." (CNPAT, Nov. 7, 2006) "He was proud to help enact an independent commission to review alleged ethics violations by members of Congress and voted against a proposed congressional pay increase. Jason also supported efforts that brought greater transparency to congressional earmarks." (campaign website)	<b>Taxes &amp; Spending</b>	What areas would you make cuts to reduce the federal budget deficit? "I would sunset federal programs to require review and a vote by Congress to continue them." Would you support or oppose the elimination of all Congressional earmarks? "I support a moratorium on earmarks and signed such a pledge." (questionnaire responses)
"He supports reversing the failed policies in Iraq that have undermined the real war on terror and has voted to restore long overdue oversight and accountability to the war in Iraq. He also voted to finally implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, including key provisions to strengthen our border security." (campaign website)	<b>War &amp; Peace</b>	"We must come together with our allies to pressure other countries to stop trade and other relations with nations that harbor terrorism. We must also adequately train all levels of our law enforcement to take notice of and act on signs of terror cells and activities that are suspect." (questionnaire response)

The 4th Congressional District includes part or all of the counties shown in red: Lawrence, most of Beaver, southern Butler, northern Allegheny, part of Westmoreland, and a few communities in Mercer.

Sources: Campaign websites, Project Vote Smart, OnTheIssues.org, and a Faith2Action questionnaire





"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." - James 2:17(NIV)

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<b>Issues Comparison of the Candidates</b>		<b>FAITH2ACTION</b>	
		<b>Jason Altmire</b> 	<b>Melissa Hart</b> 
<b>Energy</b>	1. Offshore ocean drilling	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	2. Construction of more oil refineries		<b>Supports</b>
	3. Construction of nuclear power plants	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b>
<b>Immigration</b>	4. Building a fence to stop most illegal entry from Mexico	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	5. Deporting those who are here illegally	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	6. Providing some path to citizenship (for those here illegally)		<b>Supports*</b>
<b>Life</b>	7. Giving legal protection to unborn children	<b>Supports*</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	8. Federal ban on all forms of human cloning	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	9. Protecting anyone from being dehydrated to death by having food and water taken away		<b>Supports</b>
	10. Physician-assisted suicide		<b>Opposes</b>
<b>Marriage &amp; Homosexuality</b>	11. Federal Marriage Amendment		<b>Supports</b>
	12. State marriage amendments		<b>Supports</b>
	13. Federal hate crime laws to include sexual orientation	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Opposes*</b>
<b>School Choice</b>	14. Giving parents tax credits to use in the school of their choice	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	15. Giving them vouchers for the same reason	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports</b>
	16. Allowing parents to home school their children with little or no government interference	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports</b>
<b>Taxes &amp; Spending</b>	17. Passage of a law requiring a balanced budget	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports*</b>
	18. Replacing income tax with a national sales tax	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports*</b>
	19. The elimination of Congressional earmarks	<b>Opposes</b>	<b>Supports</b>
<b>War &amp; Peace</b>	20. The immediate withdrawal of our troops from Iraq		<b>Opposes</b>
	21. Setting a concrete timetable for pulling out the troops	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Opposes</b>
	22. Increasing the number of troops in Afghanistan		<b>Supports*</b>

**Altmire:** 1. Congressional website. 3. Nuclear Energy Institute website. 4-5. Campaign website and “Despite Few Immigrants Here,”: *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 3, 2007 7. VoteMatch—with exceptions of rape, incest, life of mother. 8. Opposed Human Cloning Protection Act, June 6, 2007. 13. Voted for the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007. 14-16: OnTheIssues.org 17. Campaign website. 18. FairTax.org Congressional Scorecard. 19. Campaign website—greater transparency of them. 21. Congressional website.

**Hart:** All answers are from the questionnaire submitted to both candidates by Faith2Action. Notes on 6. “For those who return to their homeland and get in line.” 13. “It is the crime itself that we should punish the perpetrator for.” 17. “I was a state senator and worked with such a rule for 10 years.” 18. “I would consider several alternatives to the income tax.” 22. “Support if this is what our military leaders determine we need.”