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A promise kept

U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire represented my family and an overwhelming number of his other constituents recently by voting "no" on the health care reform bill.

As a small-business owner who covers 100 percent of the health insurance premiums for my employees, I agree with Mr. Altmire that we need real reform that would bring down the cost of health care. Unfortunately the new health care reform law neither improves the quality of care nor reduces the costs. Instead it piles on additional costs and taxes that take effect immediately.

Regardless of your political persuasion, the best you can hope for is that your congressman votes according to his constituents and not blindly with his party leadership. Mr. Altmire kept that very promise the first time around and again with this vote.

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Jason is a leader in Congress on veterans' issues. Click here to learn more about his record.

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