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ALLARD RETURNS MONEY TO TAXPAYERS

COLORADO LAWMAKER HAS RETURNED MORE THAN \$3 MILLION TO U.S. TREASURY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced today that for the 13th consecutive year he has returned money from his congressional office operating budget to the taxpayers. Allard said that, for the year 2003, he returned \$310,000 from the year's operating budget to the U.S. Treasury.

“In a democracy, public officials lead by example,” Senator Allard said.. “Coloradans elected me with the expectation that I would be a careful steward of their tax dollars. I am proud that, for the 13th year in a row, I have lived up to their trust.”

This year's operating budget return brings the total amount Senator Allard has turned back to the U.S. Treasury during his seven years in the Senate to \$1.29 million, and his total since being elected to Congress in 1991 to more than \$3 million.

Allard said that returning a percentage of his Senate office budget to the Treasury gives him greater credibility when he asks federal agencies hard questions about their spending and budget priorities.

“The fact that I am extremely careful of the taxpayers' dollars means that my concerns over federal spending are taken very seriously,” the Senator said. “When I insist on thrift and prudent fiscal practices for federal agencies, they know I am only asking them to do what I do myself.”

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