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ALLARD COSPONSORS NATIONAL AMBER ALERT BILL LEGISLATION WILL HELP FIND ABDUCTED CHILDREN

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has joined U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) to introduce a bill to make the AMBER Alert a national program. AMBER Alerts are used to notify local law enforcement and in some cases media outlets regarding abducted children.

AMBER Alerts are named for Amber Hagerman, of Texas, who was abducted and killed in 1996. AMBER Alerts, which stands for America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response Alerts, have plans in 15 states including Colorado.

The legislation, will help coordinate between the AMBER programs in the states that currently use the plan. It will create a new grant program to provide more funds to local law enforcement agencies for training, dissemination of information and more highway signs.

“Child abduction is a horrible thing not only for parents but for the entire community,” said Senator Allard. “This bill will help coordinate information both locally and nationwide to help find children who have been kidnaped.”

The national bill will create grants and help coordinate information for states who already have plans and for states interested in starting plans.

In August 2002, the AMBER Alert helped reunite Nicholas Farber, a young boy from California, with his father. His mother Debra Rose, a Colorado Springs resident, abducted the boy in California and was found thanks to an AMBER Alert that went out in California, Colorado and states in between.

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