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ALLARD APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF AMBER ALERT BILL LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY COLORADO LAWMAKER WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO HELP FIND ABDUCTED CHILDREN

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) praised the passage of S. 121 the bill to make the AMBER Alert a national program. AMBER Alerts, which stands for America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response Alerts, have plans in 15 states including Colorado.

"This bill will have enormous impact in helping to find abducted children." said Senator Allard. "To coordinate information both locally and nationally dramatically increases the ability to find children who have been kidnaped."

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. The bill co-sponsored by Allard, will create grants and help coordinate information for states who already have plans and for states interested in starting plans.

The AMBER Alert has already had an impact in helping reunite Nicholas Farber, a young boy from California, with his father in August of 2002. 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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