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SENATOR ALLARD'S STATEMENT ON IRAQI ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, issued the following statement on Sunday regarding Iraq's successful democratic election:

“Today, the Iraqi people have spoken. Risking their very lives in some cases, they chose the right of self-determination over tyranny and oppression,” said Senator Allard. “This is a huge step for the nation of Iraq as its people express their newfound freedom to determine their own future.”

“Initial reports indicate that over 60 percent of eligible voters in Iraq chose to defy those who have sought to impose their will upon this courageous nation. Despite the threat of terrorist attacks, Iraqis have surpassed the world's expectations by turning out in the millions,” added Senator Allard.

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