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SENATOR ALLARD TOUTS HIGH TECH AGENDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) outlined his high tech priorities Wednesday at a meeting of the Republican High Tech Task Force, and emphasized the significant role high technology plays in the Colorado economy.

“High tech is one of the bedrock supports of Colorado’s economy. Colorado has the highest concentration of high-tech workers in America – 98 of every 1,000 private sector workers in our state work in the high-tech field. This adds up to 177,680 total Colorado jobs with average high-tech wages of \$69,277 – while the average private sector wage is \$38,214,” Senator Allard said.

“Colorado ranks 6th in venture capital investments in the United States, 9th in high-tech average wages and 14th in the per-capital amount in vested in high-tech research,” the Senator said. “If we can get government regulations out of the way, reduce taxes and solve the crippling problem of over-litigation, those scores would rise even higher,” the Senator said.

Outlining his priorities for high-tech-friendly government policy, Senator Allard said he will work for:

- Extending research and development tax credits and making them permanent
- Protecting Americans from malicious computer activity
- Safeguarding copyrights in the digital age
- Enhancing trade opportunities for American companies

Senator Allard is an original member of the High Tech Task Force, which was formed in 2001.

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