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## U.S. SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD RE-INTRODUCES FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

*Fine-tunes language to clarify precise intent of legislation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) re-introduced his Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) in the Senate Monday.

“I have made some technical changes to fine-tune the language of the FMA,” Senator Allard said. “The new language makes the intent of the legislation even clearer: to protect marriage in this country as the union between a man and a woman, and to reinforce the authority of state legislatures to determine benefits issues related to civil unions or domestic partnerships.”

“During the process of debate and deliberation over the FMA, I have met with literally dozens of legal scholars, civil rights scholars and diverse religious and civic groups. During these meetings, questions were raised about the legislation’s intent. Although I believe that the original text was clear, to address those concerns I have sharpened the language,” Senator Allard said.

“Our support for this amendment comes from a cross-section of America that believes, as I do, that it is important to ensure that marriage continues to be defined as it has been defined historically and culturally as the union between a man and a woman,” the Senator said.

The purpose of the changes introduced today is to remove any ambiguity and make the original policy goals transparent.

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