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ALLARD PRAISES WORTH'S TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS ON RURAL TRANSIT ISSUES NECALG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TELLS SENATE BANKING & URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ABOUT RURAL TRANSIT NEEDS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Thursday praised the testimony of Northeast Colorado Association of Local Governments (NECALG) Executive Director Larry Worth before the Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee. Worth had been invited to Washington by Allard to testify before Congress on rural transit needs.

“Larry’s testimony was extremely valuable,” Allard said following the Thursday’s hearing. “His perspective on rural transit and the challenges and problems rural areas are facing will be very helpful to the committee as we begin the process of putting together the new transportation bill.”

In his testimony before the Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee, Worth asked that Congress increase the minimum amount of funding each state receives annually from its current \$2 million amount to \$5 million, develop more connections between rural areas and urban centers, and consider the impact regulations in federal legislation have on small rural transit agencies.

“Regulatory burdens disproportionately impact small rural transit systems,” Worth told the committee. “I ask that when developing the new transportation bill you consider the impact these regulatory mandates have on small rural transit agencies.”

Thursday’s congressional hearing is one of several the Banking and Urban Affairs Committee is conducting in preparation for the reauthorization of the transportation bill (TEA-21) later this year.

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