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ALLARD LEADS CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT AGAINST CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE 13 SENATORS SIGN LETTER TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SEEKING HER SUPPORT FOR FUNDING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) continued his effort to bring about a “unified effort” from federal agencies and Congress to assist Colorado and other states battling Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Allard has joined forces with Wisconsin Democratic Senator Herb Kohl, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, and eleven other Senators in sending a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman seeking support for emergency funding to assist states in their efforts to contain, treat and prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.

“I am encouraged by the bi-partisan support my colleagues have shown in the Senate to take on Chronic Wasting Disease,” said Allard. “We must continue to work together to better our understanding and to eliminate this infectious disease.”

In the letter to Secretary Veneman the 13 Senators ask her to provide three things; emergency funding to assist in the implementation and development of CWD management plans, to reinforce wildlife and agriculture agencies funding to combat the disease, and to give grants to state research Universities and facilities to develop vaccines and other methods to combat the disease.

“Perhaps more than anything, the dire situation calls for collaboration between federal and state researchers, scientists, state veterinarians and wildlife experts,” wrote the lawmakers in their letter to Secretary Veneman. “We are firmly committed to ending the widespread threat of the illness, and look forward to working with you to find real solutions to a serious problem.”