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ALLARD OPPOSES MEDIA CONSOLIDATION **Cosponsors bill to preserve localism, competition, diversity**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO) has cosponsored a bipartisan bill to prevent the continued consolidation of the nation's media ownership and to preserve competition.

“Media diversity and competition have declined while large media corporations continue to consolidate print and broadcast media ownership,” Allard said. “This bipartisan legislation would head off the Federal Communications Commission from approving further consolidation of big media ownership.”

Allard cosponsored S.1046, a bill introduced yesterday by U.S. Sen Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and cosponsored by U.S. Sens. Ernest Hollings (D-South Carolina), Conrad Burns (R-Montana), Byron Dorgan (D-North Dakota), Trent Lott (R-Mississippi), and Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) which would maintain the 35 percent limit on the audience reach the nation's media moguls may control nationwide.

Allard and fourteen other senators signed a letter on April 9 calling on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to delay proposed changes that would allow further consolidation of media ownership.

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