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ALLARD EFFORT TO CREATE INDEPENDENT OFFICE MEETS SUCCESS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced that the Ombudsman Reauthorization Act of 2003 passed the U.S. Senate on Tuesday by Unanimous Consent.

Inspired

by the Shattuck Superfund case in Denver, Allard originally introduced the legislation in 1999. The bill makes the Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ombudsman independent.

“This legislation reinstates the autonomy of the Ombudsman,” said Allard of the passage of S.515. “I applaud the Senate for approving the measure which will benefit people and communities across the country who are faced with situations similar to those of the Shattuck Superfund Site,” concluded Allard.

The legislation will expand the duties of the Ombudsman to include assisting citizens to resolve problems with the EPA and to conduct investigations into such problems. It also reauthorizes appropriations for the Ombudsman through FY 2010.

Allard looks forward to working with the incoming Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and anticipates speedy passage in the House of Representatives.

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