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ALLARD INTRODUCES CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION ESTABLISHES NEW GRANTS TO COMBAT CWD

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Thursday introduced bipartisan legislation that creates three new grant programs that provide assistance to states for the management of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The bill comes in response to feedback from wildlife agencies across the United States who expressed a desperate need for Federal assistance in their efforts to combat the fatal neurological disease.

“Aggressive action is immediately needed if we are to eradicate Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk,” said Allard. “CWD has wreaked havoc on state wildlife budgets across the country. As a veterinarian in the United States Senate I am committed to the development of innovative policies that bolster our CWD infrastructure,” added Allard.

The first program created by the bill provides grants to states so that they can fund CWD programs. The nationwide capacity grant authorizes \$7.5 million and will be given to those states with comprehensive and integrated CWD management programs. The second grant program provides an additional \$10 million to states like Colorado that have already detected CWD in their deer and elk.

“We must provide the states with the necessary funding and tools to contain, control and cure this mysterious disease,” concluded Allard.

The bill has been referred to the committee on the Environment and Public Works. Senator Allard, a member of the committee will seek an expeditious hearing on the bill.

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