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## ALLARD ASKS PRESIDENT BUSH TO SUPPORT DROUGHT DISASTER ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION COLORADO SENATOR SAYS RURAL COMMUNITIES NEED HELP NOW

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, on Tuesday wrote a letter to President Bush asking for his support in securing drought disaster assistance funds for farmers and ranchers who have experienced severe economic damage and loss.

Last month, Senator Allard wrote President Bush asking for a meeting to discuss the drastic drought conditions in Colorado and the devastating impacts they are causing on farm and ranch lands. The September letter asks the President Bush for support to secure drought disaster relief.

“Mr. President, I am asking for your support in my attempt to secure disaster relief for people who play such an integral role in our economic future,” wrote Allard in his letter to Bush. “Disaster relief must be given to farmers and ranchers.”

Drought disaster assistance was included in the Senate version of the Farm Bill, but the money was taken out in conference. Some assistance has been provided by the United States Department of Agriculture through existing programs. Allard is specifically asking the President to work with him on securing additional funding for farmers and ranchers affected by the ongoing drought in the West and Midwest.

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