

# Wayne Allard

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## ALLARD OPPOSES COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard today announced he will oppose the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) when it comes before the U.S. Senate next Tuesday. His decision was announced during a Senate floor speech on Friday afternoon.

“I have been studying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty during the course of the last year; attended as many of the hearings as possible; carefully reviewed much of the record and I listened closely to my colleagues and the experts with their many varied opinions,” Allard said. “After all this, I have come to the conclusion that the CTBT is not in the best interest of the country at this time.”

Allard, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Intelligence Committee, said that many of the Intelligence experts he heard from confirmed that this treaty is not verifiable.

“If the treaty did not effect the reliability and safety of our nuclear deterrent, then verification would not be so imperative,” Allard added. “But with more countries acquiring and/or attempting to acquire weapons of mass destruction, it is important to know that the US can verify nuclear tests and that our nuclear deterrent is strong and reliable. Many of our top military leaders have stated that they support the treaty, but only with safeguards. The problem is that these safeguards are not set in stone and do not bind future Presidents or Congresses.”