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ALLARD AND SCHAFFER REQUEST CDC FUNDING FOR FORT COLLINS FACILITY COLORADO LAWMAKERS SEEK \$10 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING SECURITY

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard and Fourth District Representative Bob Schaffer have written a letter to the Senate and House Appropriations Committee requesting an immediate \$10 million in funding to strengthen and enhance security at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) facility in Fort Collins, Colorado.

“Security at this facility is paramount,” Allard said. “In light of the recent terrorists attacks, it is vital that security of the Fort Collins CDC laboratory be strengthened to ensure the public’s health and safety.”

“The men and women of the Fort Collins Centers for Disease Control do an outstanding job for America and they have found themselves on the front-line of our nation’s crusade against terrorism. These employees have the right to expect their important work can be performed in a location which is modern, safe, and secure,” said Schaffer.

In the letter to Chairman Ralph Regula, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and to U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the two lawmakers stressed the immediate need for funding to ensure the safety of researchers and Colorado residents.

“During this time of terrorists attacks and threats, CDC security is vital,” wrote the two lawmakers. “We urge you to provide \$10 million for the Fort Collins Center for Disease Control laboratory to begin upgrading, strengthening, and enhancing facility security. This funding will provide the safety that researchers, Colorado residents, and recipients of CDC disease research need and desire.”

Allard and Schaffer both said the \$10 million will only address the immediate needs at the Fort Collins facility. A complete upgrade of the facility could cost up to \$100 million.

