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PRESIDENT BUSH TO DEPLOY LIMITED MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM BY 2004 ALLARD CALLS DECISION A POSITIVE FIRST STEP

Denver, CO. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Strategic Subcommittee, praised President Bush’s announcement regarding the deployment of a limited missile defense system by 2004.

“With rogue nations like North Korea, Iraq and Iran expanding their ballistic missile programs, this is an important first step in protection against ballistic missile threats,” said Allard.

President Bush’s plan calls for 20 ground-based interceptors deployed in the United States on a 24-7 alert to combat long range missile threats and an upgrade for the Aegis Class Cruisers to combat short and medium range missile threats.

The President also wants to continue to work with allies in creating a more effective missile defense system and will consult with the United Kingdom and Denmark on upgrading their radar systems.

“This decision is not the final design for a protective missile defense system in the United States,” added Allard. “It is the first step in the development of a comprehensive system to protect our nation, troops and allies.”

Earlier this year, Allard fought to restore missile defense funding stripped from the Department of Defense Authorization bill by Senate Democrats.

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