

# Wayne Allard

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## SENATOR ALLARD RETURNS MONEY TO FEDERAL TREASURY FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

### ***COLORADO LAWMAKER HAS RETURNED MORE THAN \$3.5 MILLION TO TAXPAYERS DURING HIS TENURE***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced today that for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year he has returned money from his congressional office operating budget to the taxpayers. Allard said that, for fiscal year 2004, he returned \$315,042 from the year's operating budget to the U.S. Treasury – almost 15 percent of his annual operating budget.

“Coloradans voted for me with the expectation that I would be a careful steward of their tax dollars. I am proud that, for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row, I have lived up to their trust,” Senator Allard said.

This year's operating budget return brings the total amount Senator Allard has turned back to the U.S. Treasury during his eight years in the Senate to more than \$1.5 million, and his total since being elected to Congress in 1991 to nearly \$3.5 million.

Allard said that returning a percentage of his Senate office budget to the Treasury gives him greater leverage when he asks federal agencies hard questions about their spending and budget priorities.

“When I insist that federal agencies operate with thrifty, prudent fiscal management, they know that I practice what I preach,” Senator Allard said. “As a result, my insistence on careful federal spending is taken very seriously.”

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