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## **SENATOR ALLARD STRENGTHENS INTELLIGENCE REFORM BILL WITH AMENDMENT TO BOLSTER U.S. ANTI-TERROR EFFORTS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate has accepted an amendment to the U.S. Intelligence Reform Bill, S 2845, introduced by U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) to streamline the use of geospatial data in ways that strengthen U.S. anti-terror efforts.

“Currently the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Chief Information Officer (CIO) does not have the authority to coordinate the Department’s geospatial policy and activities,” Senator Allard said. “The amendment, No. 3765, gives the CIO that authority, strengthening the department’s ability to detect and respond to disaster by integrating and making better use of geospatial data.”

“The 9/11 Commission specifically recommended that DHS ‘regularly assess the types of threats the country faces to determine the adequacy of the government’s plans-and the progress against those plans-to protect America’s critical infrastructure. Geospatial information directly ties into that type of preparation,” the Senator said.

“I am pleased the Senate has accepted this amendment and enhanced the Department of Homeland Security’s ability to detect, plan against and respond to outside threats,” Senator Allard said.

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