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## **SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD ASKS NFL COMMISSIONER TAGLIABUE TO REVERSE POLICY AND ALLOW BRONCO JAKE PLUMMER TO WEAR PAT TILLMAN'S NO. 40 DECAL**

DENVER – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a member the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote to National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue today urging him to allow Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer and other NFL players who so choose to honor American hero Pat Tillman by wearing Tillman's No. 40 decal on their helmets.

“As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I find it disheartening that the National Football League will penalize a player for honoring a fallen soldier, friend and American hero,” Senator Allard wrote to the Commissioner.

“United States Army Corporal Pat Tillman deserves to be remembered as a man willing to sacrifice everything, including his lucrative career, in service to his country. I applaud Jake Plummer of the Denver Broncos for his willingness to honor the memory of his friend and former teammate,” the Allard letter continued

“I also urge you to consider allowing all players to wear CPL Tillman's number 40 decal. I am reminded that while the rules of the NFL are strict on uniform infractions, you have already set a precedent by allowing the Arizona Cardinals pay tribute to CPL Tillman for the entire 2004 season,” Senator Allard wrote.

“Rescinding the fine against Jake Plummer would demonstrate to the American people the NFL's support for our men and women in uniform. Just as important, rescinding the fine would give NFL players the opportunity to honor and pay tribute to the loss of one of their brothers in a personal and meaningful way. Let America respect the sportsmanship, the camaraderie, and the patriotism of the National Football League by taking this action.”

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