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**Heller Praises House Passage of Ultralight Bill Introduced by Rep. Giffords**

**(Washington) –** U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV**)** today welcomed House passage of legislation introduced by Representative Gabrielle Giffords to crack down on smugglers using ultralight aircraft to bring drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border.

“I was honored to work with Gabby on this legislation in the House and am grateful for her continued leadership on the issue. I’m sad to see her leave, and wish her all the best as she continues her recovery. I hope the Senate will move on this bill quickly so Representative Giffords can get the credit she deserves for helping to secure our borders,” said Senator Dean Heller.

While serving in the House, Heller and Representative Giffords passed the Ultralight Smuggling Prevention Act (H.R. 5307) on September 23, 2010. However, it never received Senate consideration. Senator Heller introduced and passed similar legislation (S. 1974) in the Senate with Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) in December 2011.

Representative Giffords’ bill will now return to the Senate for a final vote before going to the President for his signature.

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