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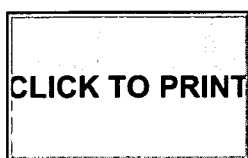
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Statement of U.S. Senator Max Baucus Two-Year Anniversary of September 11

Two years ago today, our world changed forever. At 8:45 a.m. (EST) on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the first World Trade Center was attacked. Shortly thereafter I remember seeing the chaos on the streets in Washington after the pentagon was hit. I will never forget the sights and sounds from that day.

On that day, we lost a feeling of security. And we felt a little exposed. We lost mothers and fathers. Sisters and brothers. Grandparents and grandchildren. But as we united as a nation, we gained strength. What terrorists sought to destroy, what they thought they could topple, is the unbreakable American spirit.

“September 11” will never again just be a date on the calendar. It’s a day that marks the largest attack on American soil in our nation’s history. It was a day of confusion. A day of fear. A day of loss. But it was also a day of heroism. A day of standing together.

On the two-year anniversary, it’s important to remember the events and emotions of September 11. As Americans we are still living in uncertain times. As Montanans and Americans we must continue to be determined and steadfast in our dedication to win the fight against terrorism. We must lead an unprecedented effort to eliminate the terrorist networks that threaten our nation.

We must remain committed to defending the rights and freedoms that make us proud to be Americans. From our freedom to express our thoughts and determine our religious beliefs -- to our right to openly vote for and elect our political leaders.

Today we stand as one to pay respect and express our gratitude to our nation's heroes. The countless firefighters. The policemen and women. The emergency medical technicians. Doctors. Nurses. As well as everyday citizens who risked their lives to save others on September 11.

I remain dedicated to working together with Congress and the Administration to protect America and the principles this nation stands for. And to bring those responsible for the September 11 attacks to justice.

On the two-year anniversary of September 11, and in the weeks, months and years that follow, I call on every Montanan to remember the lessons learned on that fateful day. Remember the solidarity. Remember the countless American flags that flew across the state and the nation. Remember the generosity with which people donated to charities and volunteered in their communities. Remember the support we received from the international community.

While September 11 is a horrific day in our nation's history, it taught us a tremendous amount about ourselves. As Montanans. As Americans. And as a nation. We must never forget these lessons.