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Dear Representative Dole:

The directors and members, in Executive Session Friday, January 31, 1964, wish to bring the following message to your attention:

The Wheat Bill as reported out by Rep. Graham Purcell's House Wheat Sub-committee has reduced the income one-third from what was originally approved and passed by the National Association of Wheat Growers at the National Convention held in Amarillo, Texas, January 10, 1964.

We hope that you will realize that a farmer cannot be expected to buy from Industry and Labor's products at today's prices with Union's wages and accept the price we are to receive under the proposed House Wheat Sub-committee bill.

Further, we oppose the suspension of Wheat Marketing Quotas, market penalties and referendum on 1965 wheat mandatory certificate plan, unless we receive full parity of income on certificate wheat.

It is essential that the people in Washington and other places today realize that the American farmer has been subsidizing the American consumer since 1948, when the wheat producer last received his fair share of the National Economy. Also, if you wish to advance the proposed Rural Development Program among rural people (which we favor) we must first make sure that the existing population in rural areas receive a fair 1964, and subsequent years, wheat program.

W. L. Crouch, President Colorado Association of Wheat Growers

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