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WICHITA, KANS., Jan. 20 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, tonight urged increased local action to combat crime and lawlessness.

Speaking at the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Awards Banquet here, Dole said, "The government can spend billions on the symptoms of crime and disrespect for law and order, but unless local citizens strike at the basic causes, there can be no cure."

Urging more public support for law and law enforcement officials, Dole said, "Too often the criminal is favored at the expense of the law-abiding citizen."

"No person," he added, "has the right to decide what law he will obey and when."

"It's time," Dole said, "we condone less those who violate the law and show more concern for the vast majority of Americans who obey it."