

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE

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The senseless shooting of Senator Kennedy should cause all Americans to question if we really live in the land of the free.

This horrible episode is another ^{dark} ~~black~~ chapter in American history, another personal tragedy in the Kennedy family, and a national tragedy which defies description. ^{Of} This senseless criminal act should finally impress upon some the need for renewed emphasis on law and order across the land. Crime and violence is our No. 1 domestic problem and if we are to have a free society in America those who would take the law in their own hand must be dealt with ^{justly} ~~swiftly~~ and effectively.

In my opinion, in recent years there has been too much concern for the criminal and too little concern for the innocent victim. The pendulum has swung too far and the time for action, on all fronts, is long past due.