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WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG. 9---Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today that President Nixon's speech on reform of the welfare system will be hailed throughout the country as the most perceptive and common-sense proposal ever advanced for helping the nation's needy.

"I agree," Dole said, "that the present welfare system is a 'colossal failure,' as the President stated. The system now in force is an affront to both the millions of unfortunate recipients of welfare and to those who must shoulder the financial burden."

Dole said he strongly supports the principle outlined by President Nixon of providing welfare clients the training, the incentive, the opportunity and the reward for work.

"For the first time in our history we have a President who has exhibited this degree of concern for the problems of our poor.," Dole concluded.