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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 22 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

requested President Nixon today to consider utilizing his power to delay the dock strike on the ports of the Gulf of Mexico.

The Kansas Senator made the request in a letter sent to the President today. The full text follows:

Dear Mr. President:

The farmers of America are supporting your efforts to end the dock strikes. They respected your decision to impose your delayed authority only on the west coast, since that union was making considerable efforts settling the strike.

As the harvest progresses, however, and farm prices slump even lower, I am compelled to request, on behalf of the farmers of this nation, that you consider utilizing your power to delay this strike on the ports of the Gulf of Mexico. These ports are particularly important to the grain producing farmers of the midwest. Agricultural economists have assured me that they feel such action at this time would cause an immediate stabilizing effect on the prices paid to farmers for their commodities, and increase them as much as five to ten cents per bushel for corn and soybeans.

Mr. President, the farmers of this nation are the foundation of its entire agricultural industry. Their future is being threatened by the low commodity prices caused by the longshoremen striking at Gulf ports, Your consideration and favorable action will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

(signed)
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United States Senate