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DOLE INTRODUCES A BILL TO HELP SOLVE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN RURAL KANSAS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Last week I introduced legislation designed to help alleviate the critical shortage of professional medical personnel in rural Kansas and other sparsely populated areas across the country.

The bill would provide a tax incentive for physicians who practice in areas of critical health manpower shortages and would also permit physicians who had incurred a military obligation during the Vietnam war era to fulfill this obligation by serving in the National Health Service Corps. The Corps, a uniform service operation, was established to improve health care delivery in rural areas and other sections of the country where there is a critical shortage of professional medical personnel.

There are at present 6 Kansas communities which have approved National Health Service Corps projects; yet only one of these 6 communities has been assured of physician placement. I am confident that passage of this legislation will improve the chances for these communities and other to acquire the necessary medical personnel so desperately needed, and I am hopeful that prompt action will be taken by the Congress on this measure.