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DOLE URGES WIC ASSISTANCE FOR KANSAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole, in a letter, today urged Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz to give close consideration to the applications by Reno, Sedwick, and Shawnee counties for assistance under the Special Supplemental Food Program for women, infants and children.

Senator Dole said that although some nutritional supplement has been available in Kansas to infants and young children, and to women shortly before and after childbirth this assistance is scheduled to end with the phasing out of the Commodity Distribution Program. "This pending development makes the need for assistance under the so-called WIC program even more urgent," the Senator continued.

The WIC program has recently been extended with authorization of \$40,000,000.

