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DOLE URGES CARTER ACTION IN COAL CRISIS

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1978. Senator Bob Dole today urged President Carter to take immediate action to ease the crisis brought about by the rapidly depleting coal stocks in several states. Following is the text of Dole's telegram to Carter:

"Stocks of coal in the Midwest and Appalachia are rapidly being depleted. We are facing a coal crisis in that area, and I therefore respectfully urge that immediate action be taken to:

1. Relax air pollution requirements to increase the efficiency of coal-fired generating plants.
2. Develop a contingency plan for allocating existing coal stocks to utilities and other high priority users.
3. Provide for immediate access to western coal and security for the transportation and use of that coal.
4. Provide for the maximum amount of power transfer from utilities in areas where adequate supplies of fuel are still available.
5. Take such steps as may be necessary to prevent illegal interference by unions in the continuing operation of non-union mines.

Only if these measures are taken can we hope to continue a reliable supply of electricity to our homes and industries. We are facing a mounting crisis of major proportions. This situation deserves immediate and effective action.

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