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## DOLE SAYS CARTER ECONOMIC POLICIES WILL MEAN HIGHER TAXES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- President Carter's economic policies will result in increased taxes for nearly half of all American families by next year, Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today told a Republican group here.

"During the 1976 election campaign, President Carter said he favored increasing taxes on all families above median income levels -- half the families in America," Dole said. "Now, even if the President's small income tax reduction proposal is enacted, the combination of government-induced inflation and administration-sponsored increases in Social Security payroll taxes will result in a higher tax bill for nearly every family in America over the median income.

"As far as I'm concerned; the pledge to increase taxes on half the families in our nation is one campaign promise President Carter should forget. The American people simply can't afford to pay higher federal taxes at a time when increased energy costs and inflation are making it more and more difficult to make ends meet.

"What this country needs is tax relief, not tax increases. The Congress should never have passed President Carter's Social Security tax hikes. The President should be holding the line on increases in federal spending so that inflation, which is flirting with double-digit levels once again, can be brought under control.

"I don't think the American people are going to stand by and watch their taxes constantly increase unless government shows a willingness to get its fiscal house in order. The people know there's something fundamentally wrong when just one government agency, the 20,000-employee Department of Energy, spends nearly \$11 billion a year, or about \$500,000 per employee.

"The people know that government simply doesn't have to be that big to provide an adequate level of public services."