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## DOLE FEARS ANDERSON EFFORT WOULD HURT GOP AT STATE, LOCAL LEVEL

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas), a former Republican Party Chairman and his party's 1976 vice-presidential nominee, today expressed fears that a John Anderson candidacy on an independent ticket might hurt GOP chances at the Congressional, state and local levels.

In a telegram sent to Rep. Anderson late Monday, Senator Dole said, "You have perhaps made your decision to run as an independent candidate for President, and there is obviously widespread speculation on which particular Presidential candidate would benefit. My concern is what impact an independent candidacy would have on Republicans running for Congress and at state and local levels; and without benefit of statistics, it seems to me that such an effort could be harmful to many of your friends in the Republican Party. In any event, if you have not considered this, I would appreciate your doing so."

Senator Dole sent the telegram after failing to reach Rep. Anderson by telephone yesterday afternoon.

"I consider John a friend," said Dole. "And I understand his need to explore all available options. But I did think it important that he consider the possibility that an independent candidacy might hurt Republican efforts to move closer to taking control of Congress and at the Statehouse level. Taking or holding control of State Capitals, with reapportionment of congressional districts due before 1982, is of vital importance to the GOP," noted Dole.