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DOLE REGULATORY REFORM AMENDMENT PICKS UP MORE KANSAS SUPPORT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that his amendment calling for cost-benefit analyses of federal regulations is continuing to pick up Kansas support. Dole listed the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, the Associated General Contractor of Kansas, and the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce as new supporters.

The Dole Amendment is a revised version of the "Rulemaking Improvements Act," a bill that Dole introduced in November with seven Republican cosponsors. The amendment will be offered to an omnibus regulatory reform bill being worked out by the Senate Judiciary and Governmental Affairs Committees when that legislation is debated on the Senate floor. The amendment would ensure agency determination that the benefits of any proposed rule or regulation will outweigh its benefits before it can be promulgated.

Kansas endorsements that have previously been announced include the Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Bankers Association, the Kansas Medical Society, the Fourth National Bank of Wichita, the Kansas Credit Union League, and the Coleman Company. Several individual Kansans, corporations and scholastic representatives have also lent their support. Among non-Kansas based groups endorsing the amendment is the General Aviation Manufacturers Association.

"Federal regulation has reached the point where it is so pointlessly burdensome that it threatens to smother the productive activity our economy so vitally needs," said Dole. "It is helpful to have the active support of so many Kansans in this effort to rationally restructure our regulatory system."