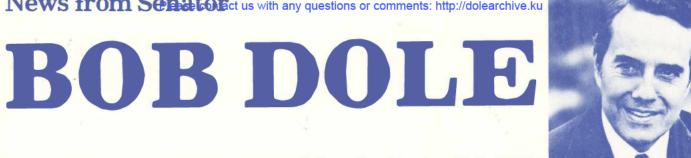
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## DOLE APPLAUDS EPA OFFICE RELOCATION

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today released the following statement on the announcement that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VII office would be moved to Kansas City, Kansas:

"I am delighted that the General Services Administration has decided to relocate the EPA office to Kansas City, Kansas. I was confident last summer that if the GSA would just expand the competition area to include Kansas we would fair well. I can't argue with the outcome."

"Currently ninety-seven percent of the federal office space in Kansas City is located in Missouri. It's high time we recognized there is a Kansas in Kansas City. This move begins to correct an obvious inequity and I don't see how anyone could object to that."

"The move is also consistent with our efforts to have Kansas City again defined as a single Metropolitan Statistical Area. It will surely help us make that case."

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