

News from Senator

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DOLE: "PIZZA HUT, PIZZA TO STAY!"

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today hailed Pepsico's decision to keep Pizza Hut's corporate headquarters in Wichita as "good news not only for Wichita, but for the entire state as well".

"Pizza Hut has enjoyed tremendous statewide support over the years and a deep commitment from the greater Wichita community. In my view, today's decision recognizes that commitment. My staff and I have worked closely during the past few months with the top officials of Pepsico and Pizza Hut. Along with civic leaders and concerned citizens, I believe we made a convincing case for Kansas. This decision is good news not only for Wichita, but for the entire state as well," Dole said.

"When I first heard that a possible relocation was under consideration, I immediately called Art Gunther, President of Pizza Hut, and let him know I was committed to do whatever it took to keep Pizza Hut in Wichita. I made the same kind of pledge to Don Kendall, President of Pepsico," Dole said. "It was clear from my conversations with these corporate executives that although alternative sites were being considered, we had a great shot at keeping Pizza Hut in Wichita."

"The internationally known Pizza Hut American success story began in Kansas and I am glad its roots will remain there."