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DOLE UNVEILS REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO UNVEIL THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM PACKAGE:

"TODAY, SENATE REPUBLICANS ARE UNVEILING AN HISTORIC AND CHALLENGING CAMPAIGN REFORM PACKAGE.

NOW, IT MAY BE TOO BOLD FOR SOME. TOO RADICAL FOR OTHERS. TOO THREATENING TO INCUMBENTS. TOO OFFENSIVE TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. BUT IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT REFORMING CAMPAIGN SPENDING, WE CAN EITHER GET SERIOUS, OR CONTINUE TO MAKE SPEECHES AND PROTECT THE STATUS QUO ON CAPITOL HILL.

TODAY'S PROPOSAL SHOULD PUT TO REST ANY DISTORTIONS AND MISCONCEPTIONS THAT REPUBLICANS OPPOSE REFORM. WE ARE COMMITTED TO REFORM. AND WE WILL WORK TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH SENATOR MITCHELL IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A BI-PARTISAN CONSENSUS. IT IS MY HOPE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL THIS YEAR."