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DOLE, KASSEBAUM: RURAL BUS FUNDS COMING TO KANSAS

WASHINGTON - SENATORS BOB DOLE (R-KS) AND NANCY KASSEBAUM (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY A \$450,000 DISCRETIONARY GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TO THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PURCHASE 26 REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR 21 TRANSIT SYSTEMS SERVING RURAL KANSAS.

"THESE NEW BUSES AND VANS BRING NEW HOPE TO OUR RURAL NEIGHBORS THAT THEY WON'T BE CUT OFF OR LEFT OUT WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPORTATION. IT IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED WHO ARE CRITICALLY DEPENDENT ON TRANSIT SERVICE," DOLE SAID.

"GIVEN THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE ABANDONMENT OF BUS SERVICE IN OUR RURAL AREAS, THIS GRANT COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FILLING THE GAP AND ENSURING THIS VITAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE WILL CONTINUE," SAID SENATOR KASSEBAUM.

THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE COST OF PURCHASING THE VEHICLES. EACH RECIPIENT WILL PROVIDE A FIVE PERCENT MATCHING AMOUNT.