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DOLE CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE AG WAIVER

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE CONTINUED TO LEAD THE EFFORT TO GAIN ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE RELIEF FOR FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL RELATED BUSINESSES. LAST NIGHT, DOLE DELIVERED A DOLE-AUTHORED LETTER CO-SIGNED BY 36 SENATE COLLEAGUES TO DOT SECRETARY ANDREW CARD EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THE PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. THE FOLLOWING LETTER SEEKS SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE WAIVER PROPOSAL BEFORE FINAL ADOPTION BY DOT.

"I'M CONCERNED THAT THE APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CDL REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE MET BY HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUAL DRIVERS ACROSS THE STATE OF KANSAS. I WANT TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE BURDENS FACED BY RURAL CDL APPLICANTS INCLUDING THE DISTANCES THEY MUST TRAVEL AND THE GENERAL CONFUSION THEY ARE HAVING WITH DELAYS IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS," SAID DOLE.

"There are only 6 KDOT offices in Kansas that handle these applications. These delays affect all drivers who are applying. For instance, the Hays license office turned away about 100 people yesterday. We have talked to DoT about it several times."