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**U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

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**DOLE CALLS FOR RAILROAD SAFETY IN WAKE OF OSAWATOMIE TRAGEDY**

**WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRAGIC RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN OSAWATOMIE SUNDAY NIGHT:**

**"IN THE AFTERMATH OF LAST NIGHT'S TRAGIC ACCIDENT NEAR OSAWATOMIE THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF ALVIN RAYL, MELINDA RENICK, MISTY RUSE AND CRITICALLY INJURED KATHY PHIFER, OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THESE VICTIMS. WE HAVE TO DO MUCH, MUCH MORE WHEN IT COMES TO RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF THIS TRAGEDY AND THE ONE IN HUTCHINSON."**

**"I UNDERSTAND A NEW PROGRAM DESIGNED TO REPLACE ALL CROSSBUCK SIGNS IN KANSAS IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. KANSAS HAS BEEN A LEADER IN GRADE CROSSING SAFETY IN THE PAST, AND I BELIEVE THE STATE SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF FEDERAL SAFETY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE THESE INTERSECTIONS SAFER FOR MOTORISTS."**

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