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BOB DOLE ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF KANSAN FRITZ
EDMUNDS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS
COMPLIANCE BOARD

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced today that Fritz Edmunds, Jr., Overland Park, has been appointed by President Bush to be a member of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

"Fritz is an outstanding man of high caliber, and I believe his business knowledge and personal experience with access issues would provide a good perspective to this board," Dole said. "He shares my interest in getting more people with disabilities involved with programs that directly affect them."

An independent federal agency, the Board has major responsibilities for the 1968 Architectural Barriers Act and the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the Barriers Act, the Board is specifically responsible for proposing alternative solutions to barriers facing persons with disabilities in housing, transportation, communications, education, recreation, and attitudes, and recommending to the President and Congress legislation to eliminate barriers. The Board acquired new responsibilities with the passage of the ADA, namely to develop accessibility guidelines for transit facilities, transit vehicles, commercial facilities and public accommodations, children's environments, and recreation facilities.

The Board consists of 23 members. The President appoints 12 public members, at least six of whom must be individuals with a disability, to three year terms or until a replacement is appointed. The other 11 are federal members.

Edmunds graduated from the University of Kansas in 1985 with a degree in Journalism and Advertising. He has served as President and Founder of The Edmunds Group, Ltd, ADA Compliance Consultants, since 1991, and is a member of the Kansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

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