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THE MESSAGE FROM THE REAL WORLD: HANG TOUGH TO CUT SPENDING & PAY FOR PROGRAMS; APPEALS FROM TAXPAYERS FALL ON DEAF EARS AT WHITE HOUSE

RUSSELL, KANSAS -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, on a listening tour of Kansas following a visit yesterday to Ohio, today issued the following statement regarding the message he's hearing from "the real people outside the beltway" on President Clinton's so-called stimulus package:

"Out here with the real people, the consensus is pretty clear -- everywhere I go, they agree with the Republican principle that Congress needs to cut spending first, and if Congress can't cut it, it must pay for new programs. They want us to hang tough, to keep standing up for the American taxpayer, and to keep fighting the status quo.

"They simply can't understand how anyone can justify jacking up the deficit to build golf courses, shopping malls and other embarrassing pork projects that in no way justify the President's so-called 'emergency' spending spree.

"It's a refreshing message from the real people outside the beltway that apparently hasn't penetrated a White House and Democrat-controlled Congress that continue to resist the change the American people are demanding."