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## STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION VETO

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

HOUSTON, TX -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding President Clinton's veto of the State Department Authorization Bill:

"President Clinton's decision today to veto the State Department Authorization Bill demonstrates he is more concerned with gridlock than with governance. I am disappointed that the President would decide to veto a bill containing the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act, the McBride Principles, and numerous other important provisions supporting U.S. foreign policy interests. Despite all the rhetoric, it is clear he vetoed the bill simply because it would have streamlined the foreign affairs bureaucracy and saved the U.S. taxpayers' money. Vetoing the bill shows that, for President Clinton, the era of big government is alive and well."

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