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RECONSIDER REBATE, DOLE SUGGESTS TO CARTER

Washington -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) appealed to President Carter today to reconsider his Administration's commitment to a rebate on 1976 income taxes.

Dole said in a letter to the President that it would be unfortunate if the Administration engages in political "armtwisting" because of its support of a position that many feel is now out of date. He said it would be doubly unfortungate if the tax question becomes "garbled" by bargaining that involves other legislative issues such as water resource development.

The letter follows:

Next week the Senate will be debating how to apply the right amount of economic stimulus, based on current conditions, without touching off excessive inflation. This is, of course, an issue of utmost importance and urgency to all Americans. So that we may begin with a clean slate, I respectfully request that the Administration withdraw its advocacy of a rebate on 1976 taxes. Many of us who are concerned about the economy feel that this proposal is now outdated.

If the Administration reconsiders its commitment to the tax rebate, the Senate debate can focus on objective up-to-date economic conditions.

I want to be helpful and will lend my support in finding a suitable and current approach.

Many of us believe permanent tax cuts and a proper mix of business incentives, including the employment tax credit concept could provide real stimulus without more inflation.

Sincerely yours,