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DOLE SAYS NEW KANSAS GM PLANT TO HAVE TRADE ZONE STATUS

(Washington, DC) -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) has announced the granting of "foreign trade subzone" status for the new General Motors plant in Kansas City, KS, by the U.S. Commerce Department.

Sen. Dole said, "General Motors is the largest employer in the Kansas City area, with over 5,000 workers. It has spent over \$104 million on its Fairfax plant. By the action of the Commerce Department, GM will be able to achieve economies of production that may mean even more men and women could be hired. All of this enhances the local economy tremendously."

The application for subzone status was filed October 29, 1984. It is estimated that with Commerce approval of the application, the GM Fairfax plant will reduce its production cost by \$500,000 annually.

"The foreign trade subzone status will exempt the GM facility from duty payments on the foreign parts it uses on exports. On domestic sales, the company will be able to take advantage of the same duty rate available to importers of finished autos. The savings from this action will contribute to GM's overall cost reduction program, helping it to become more competitive with foreign auto manufacturers," said Sen. Dole.

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