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WICHITA'S "PROJECT FREEDOM" GETS OK FROM CONGRESS; DOLE GETS \$150,000 APPROVED FOR DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - Congress has agreed to fund \$150,000 for a Wichita drug prevention coalition designed to inform mothers of the dangers of substance abuse, Senator Bob Dole said today. Both the Senate and House passed the FY92 Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations bill yesterday, which includes Dole's initiative for the Wichita program. The report will now be sent to President Bush for his signature.

"This outstanding local drug education program is an important part of Kansas' effort to solve our nation's drug problem. By reaching pregnant women, this program aims to promote the health of infants and put mothers on the right track to a drug-free life, " said Dole.

Wichita's "Project Freedom" will target the money for their Drug Effected Babies Prevention Initiative. Funds will be used for prenatal counseling and several support services for indigent mothers. These services include transportation to treatment programs, nutritional counseling, follow-up visits to doctors, and monitoring the development of drug effected children. Funds will also be used to provide literature specifically designed for Spanish-speaking women and women with below average education