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SURGEON GENERAL HAZARDOUS TO OUR HEATLH

Orange, California -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole made the following statement in response to remarks made today by Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders:

"Americans must be wondering if the Surgeon General is hazardous to our health. I am relieved that the President has disassociated himself from Dr. Elders' remarks, but remain concerned with this Administration's commitment to fighting drugs.

The President has slashed the staff of the Office of Drug Control Policy by 84%, he reduced the State Department's International Narcotics Budget by 32%, and he has proposed a \$200 million cut in the Defense Department's drug interdiction efforts in the Caribbean.

I join with countless other Americans in believing that for the sake of our children and grandchildren, there must be no retreat in the war on drugs."