

Bob Dole



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OKLAHOMA CITY TERRORISM

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement:

"My thoughts and prayers go out to those whose loved ones were victims of this unspeakable, cowardly, criminal act.

"President Clinton has sent the right message to the perpetrators of this vicious crime: They will be caught, they will be punished, and the American people will not be intimidated.

"I also applaud Attorney General Reno for publicly stating that the Justice Department will seek the death penalty once the terrorists are apprehended. If there was ever a crime deserving of the death penalty, this is it.

"Governor Frank Keating, Senator Don Nickles, Senator Jim Inhofe, and the citizens of Oklahoma City are proving that adversity can bring out the best in all of us. Their courageous response to this tragedy is an inspiration not only to the American people, but to people all over the world.

"Of course, we can't bring the victims of the Oklahoma City tragedy back to life. We must now look to the future to determine what we can do to minimize the chances that similar terrorist acts will occur.

"Earlier this year, Senate Republicans introduced legislation that would make it easier to catch terrorists, here at home and abroad, and to deport those terrorists who happen to be in the United States illegally. The Senate stands ready to work closely with the Administration to pass the toughest and most effective anti-terrorist bill at the earliest possible time."

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