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DEAR SENATOR DOLE:

My name is ARNEY TOLMAN AND I am physically disabled and my last year at Capper Foundation is coming around the corner, but there seems to be no place for a person with a severe handicap as mine. My parents and I have been looking for a sheltered workshop ~~to~~ or a company that will hire a handicap with his limited abilities. I am well aware that there are sheltered workshops for mentally handicapped persons, but there seems to be none for the severally disabled handicapped. There must be something someone can do. I am 19 years old. I have completed my fifth year at the Capper Foundation and am going into my sixth year and I will be a graduate next year. But after I get out of school, ~~wherever~~ ^{what} ~~I go~~ where will I go? I am trying to get a person in

the high authority to be aware of this fact. There are people in KANSAS AND in many other states with severe handicaps & some are as worse as I am. AND I AM sure that they do not want to be put in some nursing home for the rest of their lives doing nothing. I have talked with many other people in worse condition in their 20's & 40's & 60's AND I WAS rather shocked to find out "none of these people have found any kind of job in this state & their handicap is worse than mine."

I hope I have explained the facts to you, Senator, AND I hope from my letter that something will be done for people like me. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to read this letter. I look forward to any information on the situation at hand,

Sincerely,

Arney Tolman

Health/Handicapped

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Dear Arney:

Thank you for your letter of July 24, which expresses so well the problems faced in regard to employment for the handicapped.

I regret the difficulty which you are having in your job search, and know that this is a problem. I receive many letters--from individuals with and without handicaps--who are unable to find employment opportunities. Because I do not operate any type of job bank, it is only by chance if I hear of openings.

I would suggest to you that perhaps your local office of Social Rehabilitation Services may be of some assistance to you in providing information on training or employment. Another route you might try is to contact the Governor's Committee of Employment of the Handicapped. Address any correspondence to this committee in care of:

Howard Moses
Governor's Committee of
Employment of the Handicapped
126 S. 1st Floor
State Office Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Again, I want to express my regret that I can offer you nothing more specific at this time, but I encourage you to keep trying. Best wishes in your search and do feel free to contact me again if you find that I can be of assistance in some way.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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