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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) today introduced legislation, which is supported by major farm organizations, aimed at controlling unfair trade practices affecting producers of agricultural products and associations of agricultural producers.

"This bill," Dole said, "is important to the freedom of our farmers and to the future of agriculture. It is designed to protect the right of agricultural producers to decide free from pressure whether or not they wish to belong to marketing or bargaining associations."

Dole pointed out that because of the increasing concentration of the marketing and distribution of agricultural products in the hands of fewer buyers, many farmers feel very strongly that they should have the right to organize and compete without fear of reprisal or of unfair trade practices.

"They believe that the wider use of contract marketing has created a greater need for the strengthening of their own bargaining position in order to secure prices and benefits which they rightfully feel they are entitled to. The bill," Dole emphasized, "simply provides farmers with an opportunity to improve their own lot through their own action." Dole added that the bill is now pending before the House Committee on Agriculture, of which he is a member.