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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7, 1968 -- The National Association of Wheat Growers recently asked Congress to provide funds for the farmer-to-farmer program sponsored by Kansas Congressman Bob Dole.

Testifying before the House Agriculture Committee, Glen Hofer, executive vice president of the wheat group, said the NAWG supports the Dole program of U. S. technical assistance to farmers in underdeveloped nations.

Dole's proposal, adopted in 1966, amends the Food for Freedom Act (P. L. 480).

In the wheat growers' statement, Hofer recommended, "the farmer-to-farmer program be fully utilized as part of the self-help features of the Food for Freedom program."

Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, introduced a bill this week to extend P. L. 480 for three years. The current Act expires December 31, 1968.

The Kansas Congressman said he plans to urge Congressional action on the bill soon.