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WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL 23 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans) said today he "wholeheartedly supports" President Nixon's efforts to curb organized crime.

The Senator said he was "greatly encouraged by the President's measures for meaningful action against syndicated crime in America."

"The extent of syndicated activities is not known but conservative estimates say that organized crime grosses twenty to fifty billion dollars annually," he said. "However," the Senator continued, "the moral and physical effects of this cancerous tumor are far more devastating than the economics of the situation."

Dole said he anticipates great results from the Federal racketeering field offices and the Federal-State racket squad. He said, "The utilization of experienced investigators and prosecutors to maintain a Federal presence in organized crime areas throughout the nation on a continuing basis will be most helpful in efforts to restrain organized crime."

The Senator said he was particularly eager to see proposed legislation forthcoming on organized crime in legitimate business and agreed with President Nixon's statement that the "syndicate-owned business, financed by illegal revenues and operated outside the rules of fair competition of the American market place, cannot be tolerated in a system of free enterprise."

Dole said he "hopes the states and communities across the country will take advantage of the new administration's desire to assist and participate with them to carry out these worthwhile proposals to combat organized crime."

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