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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 2 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged the chairman of the Monopoly Subcommittee which held hearings last month on oral contraceptives "to reconvene the subcommittee immediately to conduct a further, authoritative examination of the merits, dangers and questions of oral contraceptives."

In a letter to Subcommittee Chairman Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), Dole noted "with considerable concern" an article in today's WALL STREET JOURNAL and the NEWSWEEK poll released today which indicate many women are abandoning oral contraceptives.

"A significant influence for this trend," Dole added, "was said to be the publicity generated by last month's hearings of the subcommittee."

"I do not feel the testimony presented last month conformed to basic criteria of objectivity and balance, and today's poll and news stories illustrate the consequences," he said.

"Our responsibilities to American women, their families and ourselves demand that the widespread uncertainty and apprehension which have been generated do not go unheeded."

"I urge you to reconvene the subcommittee immediately so we may pursue the facts and seek a full disclosure of all relevant information and medical opinion."

"If oral contraceptives are unacceptably hazardous, they should be shown to be so through responsible testimony and evidence," Dole said. "If they are valuable and medically satisfactory, confidence should be restored to their use through the same responsible means."