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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 20 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

wired Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe today requesting the suspension of newly-revised Federal Highway Administration (FHA) regulations that prohibit employing persons under 21 from driving farm vehicles interstate.

Members of nine farm organizations met with FHA officials in Washington today concerning the driver qualification regulations, that if not suspended, will as of July 1, prohibit hiring the young drivers; but no decision was announced. Dole said he was disappointed in the meeting's outcome because the Kansas harvest is now only two weeks away.

Dole sent the following telegram to Volpe :

Urgently request further suspension of regulations regarding farm truck drivers under the age of 21. Our farmers depend on young people during the wheat harvest period which begins in May.