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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. Senator Bob Dole urged early action by the federal government to alleviate the shortage of liquified petroleum (LP gas) which threatens a serious crisis for "all agricultural and rural America."

In letters to Cost of Living Council Director John Dunlop and Energy Policy Office Director John Love, Dole said that in addition to the supply shortage of LP gas and Propane, the recent price freeze has further complicated the situation.

"It seems nearly all the major oil companies raised their LP prices immediately prior to, or during, the price freeze period," Dole wrote. "This is forcing LP gas dealers to either (1) stop delivery of gas to their customers, (2) sell it at a loss in the hope of relief, or (3) violate June 18 price freeze requirements and sell their gas at prices that reflect a pass-through of the increases imposed by their suppliers."

Dole indicated that "agriculture is a priority user of LP gas." Rural uses include home heating and cooking, fuel for tractors, crop drying and curing, and as an energy source for irrigation pumps.

Dole's office has been receiving many calls from farmers and gas dealers who are concerned about present and future difficulties in obtaining adequate supplies.,