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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE URGES PRESIDENT NOT IMPOSE WHEAT EXPORT EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a letter sent today to President Nixon, Senator Bob Dole reiterated his strong opposition to imposition of controls on the export of wheat.

Wheat export controls have been urged recently by some who foresee a shortage of wheat for domestic use. Citing indications that "there will be an adequate supply of wheat" which will meet domestic needs until the new crop comes in, Dole told the President that "export controls on wheat could be expected to break the price."

A full text of the Senator's letter to Nixon follows:

In recent hearings in the Congress and in news editorials, there have been numerous calls for export controls on wheat. In view of the indications that there will be an adequate supply of wheat, and the likelihood that export controls could have a disastrous effect on the price of wheat, I would like to state my strong opposition to export controls.

As with export controls on soybeans last year, export controls on wheat could be expected to break the price. The farmers in Kansas, the largest wheat producing state, cannot afford a similar break in prices, especially in view of their sharply increased expenses for fertilizer, fuel and equipment.

In addition, there have been other indications to support predictions of an adequate supply of wheat. In the futures market, prices for old crop wheat are approaching the prices of new crop wheat indicating that grain buyers with an intimate knowledge of the trade apparently are making the professional judgement that an adequate supply of wheat will exist until new stocks become available.

In addition a substantial quantity of grain labeled for export but with unknown destinations remains and in the event of higher prices may revert to the supply for domestic use. The measures taken by the Department of Agriculture to insure an adequate supply should further help to ease the situation.

Again, I repeat my strong opposition to export controls and hope the indications of an adequate supply together with the disastrous effects export controls could have will help influence your decision to refrain from such c