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DOLE TAKES VETERAN'S CASE DIRECT TO PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole has taken the case of a disabled Kansas veteran, whose disability benefits were withdrawn a year ago, directly to President Nixon.

The veteran, Steven Crowl of Hutchinson, received total disability benefits for a short while, beginning in 1972, but they were withdrawn a year ago when a determination was made that his disability was not service-connected.

In his letter, Dole told the President that "Steven was born with a congenital muscular condition...." In addition to this, at the time of his induction he had several other health conditions which made him ill-suited for military service.

"It is quite obvious," Senator Dole wrote, "that this condition was aggravated by military service." Dole asserted that "this young man is entitled to full compensation benefits" and asked for the President's personal attention to the case and "for any help you are able to give me with the matter."

Since his discharge in 1968, Crowl has spent much of his time in an and out of VA hospitals and is presently under care at the VA hospital in Wichita.