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DOLE URGES PRESIDENT FORD TO MEET ON FOOD STAMP PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following is the text of a telegram sent by Senator Bob Dole to President Ford in connection with the President's announcement that the Administration plans to issue regulations implementing its food stamp reform proposals:

"While I share your view that reform of the food stamp program should be expedited, I urge restraint in your announced plans to unilaterally implement food stamp revisions. The Senate Agriculture Committee is expected to report a comprehensive food stamp reform bill early next week. There is every indication that the Committee bill will incorporate provisions from each major reform bill, including the Administration proposal. Thus, I believe a bill with strong bipartisan support will emerge from the Committee and I am hopeful that the full Senate will act on the measure in the near future.

In light of this major legislative progress and your announced intentions with respect to regulations, I urge that you meet with Congressmen and Senators concerned about the food stamp program. We would be pleased to visit with you about the need for speedy reform of the food stamp program at your earliest convenience."