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DOLE QUESTIONS SUPPRESSION OF SBA INFORMATION ON LABOR LAW ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In a letter to chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today asked that the committee hold hearings to look into charges that the Small Business Administration withheld an internal report critical of the Labor Law Reform Act now before the Senate.

"These charges have raised serious questions about the quality of the information that has been provided the Senate for its consideration of this measure," Dole said in the letter. "In addition, these actions raise serious doubts about the openness of the present administration. It appears that not only was this report suppressed, but also that the persons responsible for the report are fearful of being discharged from their employment for simply doing their job."

Dole pointed out that one of President Carter's campaign promises was to make sure that those who make the moral decision to disclose information unfavorable to the government's position be protected. He questioned whether a recent SBA "whistle blower" who lost her job for disclosing information in a consumer agency report received that protection.

Dole said the hearings he suggested should cover the issues involved in the production and release of the Labor Law report, adding, "I am certain you will agree with me that federal employees should not lose their jobs for being candid with the American public."