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## DOLE SEEKS TO PRESERVE STATE'S SHARE OF REVENUE SHARING

WASHINGTON Bob Dole announced today that he will seek to preserve the states' share of Federal Revenue Sharing by allowing states to elect to take cuts in certain categorical grants.

Under this proposal, each state could agree to forego either its portion of revenue sharing or an equivalent amount of federal revenues allocated to a specified list of categorical grant programs. Senator Dole will introduce legislation to implement the proposal in connection with the renewal of the revenue sharing program which expires this year.

Dole stated that, "The original goal of federal revenue sharing was to give state and local government more direct authority over expenditures collected by the federal government. The program was not designed to supplement federal spending, but to decentralize spending decisions. The premise behind revenue sharing -- that state and local governments are most closely attuned to the day-to-day needs of our citizens -- is no less true today than it was in 1972, when the program was first enacted.

"Revenue sharing is vital to maintaining our federal system of government. It runs counter to the trend in recent decades of increasing the power of Washington at the expense of other jurisdictions. For that reason I believe revenue sharing points the way toward a revitalized American Federalism that will be more responsive to the concerns of our people."