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TAXDOLLARS ARE WASTED BY GOVERNMENT PLAYING POLITICS WITH FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan), Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) and Congressman Keith Sebelius (R-Kan) said today, "The federal government wastes million of dollars of taxpayers money each year playing politics with federal employees."

"We feel it is time the federal government clearly establishes which jobs are to be political and which jobs are to be career. At the present time there is not a clear delineation. Top federal bureaucrats are playing politics at great expense to the taxpayer. Many government employees are moved unnecessarily, many are harrassed until they quit, and some are fired by trumping up false charges."

The two senators and one congressman from Kansas said the present system needs to be changed. At the present time money is wasted, morale is hurt, lives are disrupted, and there is general confusion. Job should be either political or career.

"We believe the recent dismissal of Clayton Hunter, the district director of the Wichita Small Business Administration's office and the recent allegations about employee abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. smacks of the type of misuse of power by federal political appointees. We are convinced the harrasment of Mr. Hunter was politically inspired. There have been many employees in the SBA, the FCIC and other agencies who have suffered abuse during the past three years."

"Most of the time federal employees like Hunter who suffer political abuse do not have a fair change to appeal such decisions. The higher authorities in the agencies are all political appointees of the administration in office."

"We are having our staffs look into this problem to develop legislation to solve the problem. Some jobs need to be available to any administration but most federal jobs should be career. We need a new law to clearly establish the difference between the two so present abuses can be stopped."