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DOLE PRAISES TASK FORCE ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today expressed his strong support for the Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence. The Task Force, headed by Detroit Police Chief William Hart, is holding hearings this week in Kansas City as part of its cross-country series to determine the extent of the tragedy of family violence. Senator Dole will submit testimony to be included in the final report.

"We know far too little about this serious crime problem," Dole said. "Those who are the victims of attacks from family members have traditionally kept quiet. After an attack the reaction of the victim is more often one of shame and humiliation rather than outrage. The Task Force can do much by uncovering the frequency of such violence."

Citing the objective of the Task Force, Dole commended it for seeking specific recommendations for reducing family violence. Dole said the size of the problem is indicated by recent statistics from the Department of Justice showing 17 percent of all murders involve family relationships.

"Violence of all types obviously harms our society," Dole said. "Family violence, whether against children, spouses or the elderly, is especially damaging -- in tangible costs of economic loss, and in intangible costs of human suffering."

Dole, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he is looking forward with interest to following the Task Force's progress.