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DOLE EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR FUTURE OF FT. RILEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Washington, DC -- An Army study could threaten the future of the correctional facility at Fort Riley, according to Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, who has pledged his efforts to keeping the facility open.

In a letter to Secretary of the Army John Marsh Jr., Sen. Dole asks the Army to provide a rationale for the study and expresses his view that closure of the facility would have dire economic consequences.

"The facility is an integral, well-established part of the Army's system of justice. Were it to be closed, it would have to be replaced by another facility elsewhere, very likely at a higher cost," Dole wrote the secretary.

"Moreover, the correctional activity is an important part of the local economy of the Fort Riley area. The loss of jobs resulting from its closure would have a serious negative impact on an already economically distressed area," Dole added.

Sen. Dole has sent telegrams to Junction City Mayor Alex Scott, Manhattan Mayor Rick Mann, and Ogden Mayor Gail Hoke pledging his efforts to keep the facility at Fort Riley if at all possible.