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## **WRIGHT AMENDMENT**

### **DOLE WELCOMES NEW REPORT DETAILING WRIGHT AMENDMENT RIP-OFF; REGIONAL FTC CALLS FOR MODIFICATION, MORE AIRLINE COMPETITION.**

Washington -- Calling it "a breath of fresh air for beleaguered consumers", Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today welcomed a report issued by the Federal Trade Commission's Dallas office that calls for modification of a controversial federal law that has jacked up air fares and limited commercial air service outside a five state region.

The so-called Wright Amendment -- named after former Speaker of the House Jim Wright of Texas -- prohibits non-stop service from Love Field in Dallas to any state outside Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Louisiana and Oklahoma. "As a result, consumers in Kansas, for example, have paid a heavy price in inconvenience and exorbitant fares when they have to travel to and from the Dallas area. It's a rip-off that must be stopped," Dole said.

Senator Dole has led the fight on Capitol Hill to repeal the Amendment.

"I am pleased this report confirms what some of us have been saying for a long time -- that the Wright Amendment is the wrong amendment," Dole said. "The FTC report clearly demonstrates the kind of gouging the consumer has had to endure because of this unfair sanction. The only real solution, however, is total repeal so that competition rules air service, not politics. While we welcome this report, I will continue to push not just for modification, but for repeal."

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