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DOLE APPLAUDS FEC ACTION TO PROTECT CONTRIBUTORS & CRACK DOWN ON BIG MONEY SCAMS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today applauded the decision by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to crack down on political fundraising fraud. The FEC voted today to prohibit unauthorized campaign committees from using a candidate's name "in the title or designation of any communication."

"This decision is good news for Americans who want to support the political process, but often fall prey to unauthorized fundraising schemes," Dole said. "The sad fact is that without these rules, many Americans -- especially senior citizens -- who think they are contributing to a candidate are actually being hoodwinked. These new rules will restore some much needed credibility to the political process."

Many contributors were victimized in 1988 by an outfit calling itself "Americans for Dole," part of an umbrella group which raised millions of dollars but had no connection to the Dole campaign and did not send the contributions to Dole's presidential effort.

In November 1991, Dole authored legislation seeking to protect unwitting contributors from fundraising scams. In a letter dated May 6th, 1992, Senator Dole and Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Connecticut) urged the FEC to take strong action to protect political contributors.

"My only regret is that the Commission's ban doesn't take effect until after the November elections," Dole added. "So I urge Americans to be careful this campaign season, and make sure your money is going where you intend it to go. If these new rules don't take care of the problem, I will continue to push for a legislative solution."

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