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CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR M1A2 TANK CONVERSION PROGRAM

Washington - Congress has authorized funding to continue the M1A2 tank conversion program, Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today. The Senate today passed the 1993 Defense Authorization bill, which includes the M1A2 funding. The program will include modifying older M-1 "Abrams" tanks with new turrets, improving guns, chemical and biological weapons protection, and upgrading fire control systems.

"Congress has made a wise decision in supporting this vital program," said Dole. "As we downsize our forces, it is more important than ever to make sure our Army has the most modern equipment in the world. There is no finer tank than the M1A2. Our workers in Atchison should be proud of their role in this vital program. They are an important part of the M1A2 team," added Dole.

Atchison Casting, Inc., in Atchison produces large metal castings for the M1A2 program.

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