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DOLE UNCERTAIN ON TARIFF VETO OVERRIDE VOTE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following is the text of a telegram Senator Bob Dole today sent President Gerald Ford:

"There are widespread reports that a so-called gas tilt compromise is being seriously considered by you, Mr. President, and you advisors on energy policy. As one Senator who supported your position in the vote on H.R. 1767, I am concerned because some reports indicate that a sharp increase in the cost of gasoline in the Midwest and other sections of the country would result if additional concessions are made for the New England and Atlantic Seaboard areas. Problems in those areas are somewhat unique, and for that reason significant concessions have already been proposed. Nonetheless, I cannot support any such compromise if it unfairly discriminated against the balance of the nation.

"You have indicated there is no painless solution, but the pain should not be borne disproportionately by any one segment of the economy or geographic area. I hope to be able to vote to sustain your certain veto, but cannot if, in my judgement, an agreed upon compromise--if there is one--in an effort to gain the votes of a few, discriminates against a great many who stood with you in the first instance.

"In my view, the best way to end the present delimita and to avoid further confrontation would be to find some common ground that a substantial number of Republicans and Democrats in the Congress can support. Know you are working tirelessly toward this end and I commend you for it."