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Statement of Senator Bob Dole  
on Secretary Bergland's Food Stamp Testimony  
before the House Agriculture Committee

President Carter is to be commended for recommending equitable reform of the nation's food stamp program. By endorsing the elimination of the purchase requirement, a concept Senator McGovern and I have advocated for two years, the President has taken a position which will well serve the needs of low income citizens. If this reform is enacted, those who have abused the program in the past will be eliminated from the rolls, and thousands of needy Americans who have been unable to participate in the past, because they did not have the cash to buy their allotment of stamps, will begin receiving assistance.

The administration's endorsement of our food stamp initiative may be one of the few features of the President's farm bill that I can support this year.

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