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## DOLE CALLS ON CARTER TO "RECALL, RE-THINK, RE-WRITE" ENERGY PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Following is the text of a statement released today in response to President Carter's morning press conference and recently announced "offensive" to save his energy program:

"The only way President Carter can be successful in his newly announced 'offensive,' to save his 'energy program,' is to recall, re-think and re-write his proposal. I have been told by a number of Senators from both sides of the aisle that they could not possibly support the national energy plan as it presently stands.

"When the President goes out on the stump, he should tell the American people that his 'energy program' is really a massive tax program. It would reportedly result in the largest peace time tax increase in this country's history. The American people should know that the President's users tax would raise their utility bills by over \$200 per year. The President should tell the public that, under the equalization tax, the price of gasoline will increase 8 cents a gallon and will extract over \$55 billion from consumers in the next 4 years.

"Instead of trying to drum up public support by jetting all over the country, the President should save energy -- stay home and work with Congress in developing an energy policy that will work. The President's threat to level a \$5 oil import tariff if Congress does not pass his plan, and his public relations program to blame Congress, are counter-productive to the goal of reducing our dependence on foreign oil through a sound energy program developed in cooperation with Congress."