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SENATOR BOB DOLE URGES PRESIDENT CARTER TO MEET WITH FARMERS

Washington, D.C.....Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today urged President Jimmy Carter to meet with a representative group of farmers from across the nation as soon as possible.

In a letter to President Carter Dole said, "You could do much to relieve the tension across the country that could split farm communities, consumers, and other Americans into separate camps.....Farmers feel isolated and cannot understand why they can't meet with you to discuss their problems."

Following is the full text of Senator Dole's letter to President Carter:

"Farmers across this country are concerned, frustrated, scared, and angry about the financial conditions of agriculture today. Farmers see little hope that prices they receive will rise or that the prices farmers pay will stabilize. I know you are fully aware of the situation.

I am receiving calls from farmers all across the country who feel it is important that they have an opportunity to visit with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and with yourself. They feel isolated and cannot understand why they can't meet with you to discuss their problems.

I urge you to meet with a representative group of farmers from across the nation as soon as possible. You could do much to relieve the tension across the country that could split farm communities, consumers, and other Americans into separate camps. Now is not the time for a separation of our people. Everyone must work together to solve the farmers' economic problem.

I sincerely urge you to use the full authorities and powers of your office to improve the economic conditions in agriculture. I also urge you to open the lines of communication between farmers and yourself and other key officials of your administration. Feelings are running deep and a healing of the wounds is needed. I stand ready to assist in every appropriate way."