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## DOLE SUPPORTS DENVER AS WESTERN KANSAS AIR HUB

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today urged the Civil Aeronautics Board to approve the appeal of six western Kansas communities seeking the designation of Denver, Colorado, as a western hub for air service.

Late last year Dodge City, Garden City, Goodland, Great Bend, Hays and Liberal appealed a CAB decision naming Wichita as the sole hub for area flights. They are now seeking a dual designation, which would retain Wichita as an eastern hub, but would name Denver as an additional hub in the west. The CAB is currently considering testimony and is expected to make a decision late this spring.

In a letter sent to Marvin S. Cohen, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Dole said, "I believe they make a strong case that essential air service requires a linear route structure linking them with Denver in the west in addition to the eastern connection. First, this structure is consistent with earlier determinations of the Board regarding service to these western Kansas communities. More importantly, it is logical and efficient. The multiple hub concept assures access to adequate air transportation and eliminates the waste of backhauling required by a single-hub structure, allowing air traffic to flow in a natural linear manner."