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DOLE URGES COMPLETION OF RE-ENGINEING KC-135's AT BOEING

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today hand-delivered a letter to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Tower. In the letter, Dole urged the House Senate Conference Committee for the Defense Authorization Bill to maintain Senate provisions insuring that the re-engineing of KC-135's is completed by Boeing Aircraft Company. The House of Representatives language calls for "second sourcing" of the re-engineing work -- which could mean a loss of 2000 jobs for Wichita workers.

The text of Senator Dole's letter follows:

Dear John:

As you proceed to conference consideration of S. 675, the Defense Department Authorization Bill, I want to reiterate my strong interest in insuring that the Senate provisions on re-engineing KC-135's are included in the bill reported by the Conference Committee.

As you know, the House of Representatives adopted a provision allowing for "second sourcing" of this re-engineing work. The House approach simply does not make sense from a budgetary standpoint since the savings which the competition from second-sourcing are intended to create would not be recouped. In addition, as you know, Boeing Aircraft Manufacturing Company is presently slated to complete the re-engineing work. The loss of part of this business would result in the dissipation of as many as 2000 jobs in the Wichita area.

John, I know that you will take every step to insure that the Senate provisions on re-engineing are adopted by the Conference Committee.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
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