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DOLE APPLAUDS OMB RELEASE OF WIC FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kans.), who chairs the Agriculture subcommittee on nutrition, today applauded the release of \$76 million in fiscal 1985 funds for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children known as WIC. Those additional monies will be sufficient to maintain the current caseload of 3.1 million low-income women, infants and children at nutritional risk.

Dole, along with Senators Cochran (R-Miss.), Hatfield (R-Oreg.), Boschwitz (R-Minn.) and Chafee (R-R.I.) signed a letter to OMB Director David A. Stockman on May 17, 1985, urging the release of the additional \$76 million in already appropriated funds.

"I commend the Administration for its timely action," said Dole. "This will enable states to manage their caseloads efficiently through the end of this fiscal year and will ensure that none of those receiving nutritional aid will be dropped from the program."

Dole said the WIC program "is one of the most cost-effective federal programs. And he added, "I believe that the strong bipartisan support that this program has traditionally received in Congress is well-deserved. It is a sound investment of federal funds that saves millions of dollars in health expenditures by preventive intervention."