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DOLE LETTER CALLS FOR PENALTY WAIVER ON IRS "SECTION 89" MESS;
BAD TAX RULE ON THE WAY OUT SO STOP THE PENALTIES, DOLE TELLS
TREASURY SECRETARY IN LETTER

WASHINGTON -- SAYING THERE IS "ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE IN PENALIZING SMALL BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN FOR AN INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FOUL-UP", SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY RELEASED A LETTER WRITTEN TO TREASURY SECRETARY NICHOLAS BRADY ASKING THAT TAXPAYER PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTROVERSIAL SECTION 89 TAX COMPLIANCE LAW BE WAIVED.

SENATE OFFICES HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH MAIL PROTESTING THE RED TAPE NIGHTMARE SECTION 89 HAS BROUGHT TO THE SMALL BUSINESS WORLD. ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EMPLOYERS WERE PROVIDING FAIR AND EQUITABLE BENEFIT PLANS FOR ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, SECTION 89 HAS TURNED INTO A CONFUSING AND COSTLY TIME AND MONEY WASTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND THE GOVERNMENT, TOO.

"MAKE NO MISTAKE, SECTION 89 WILL BE MODIFIED BY CONGRESS THIS YEAR -- DELAYED, DRASTICALLY OVERHAULED, OR REPEALED OUTRIGHT -- SO IT IS GROSSLY UNFAIR TO BE PENALIZING ANYONE WHO ISN'T IN COMPLIANCE WITH A DEFECTIVE LAW THAT'S ON THE WAY OUT," DOLE SAID.

THE LETTER -- CO-SIGNED BY 32 SENATORS -- WAS MAILED TODAY.