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**DOLE WINS SENATE APPROVAL FOR
WICHITA'S "PROJECT FREEDOM";
DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM IN LINE FOR \$150,000**

Washington - Senate republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) won Senate approval today for \$150,000 worth of federal funds to help a Wichita drug prevention coalition inform mothers of the dangers of substance abuse.

Dole went to bat for "Project Freedom", for its Drug Effected Babies Prevention Initiative to inform mothers of the dangers of substance abuse. The funds, included in the State, Commerce, Justice Appropriations Bill, would be used for prenatal counseling and support services for indigent mothers. These services would include transportation to treatment programs, nutritional counseling, follow-up visits to doctors, and monitoring the development of drug effected children. Funds would also be used to provide literature specifically designed for Spanish-speaking women and women with below average education levels.

"This is a quality program, one that can make a difference in people's lives," Dole said. "Winning the war on drugs is a national priority and local education programs such as this one are the key to helping us turn the corner."

Project Freedom is a coalition of health professionals, ministers, educators, social workers, and law enforcement officers in Wichita, Kansas dedicated to developing a comprehensive response to the abuse, dissemination and manufacture of illegal drugs and alcohol. This response includes programs in the areas of education, prevention, intervention, treatment, aftercare, and law enforcement. It has been recognized by the President's Drug Abuse Advisory Council as one of the five outstanding national coalitions to fight drug abuse.

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