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## **MIDWEST SUMMIT ON HEALTH CARE**

**DOLE ANNOUNCES KANSAS CITY & GARDEN CITY  
TO HOST HISTORIC TWO-DAY HEALTH CARE EVENT:  
PUBLIC SESSIONS "BRING HEALTH CARE DEBATE HOME TO KANSAS"**

Washington -- Kansas City and Garden City will play host to the two-day "Midwest Summit on Health Care: Rx for Reform" later this month, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced today. The summit will begin with a session in Kansas City, Missouri on October 29th, and will conclude with a session on October 30th in Garden City. Both sessions are open to the general public.

"This historic two-day event will bring the health care debate home to Kansas," Senator Dole said. "The presentations and discussions will give Kansans an opportunity to learn about the Clinton plan, the Republican alternatives, and how they will affect our families, our rural communities, our state, our region, and our nation. More importantly, it will give Kansans an opportunity to be part of our national prescription for reform."

Both sessions will feature presentations by Clinton Administration officials, and panel discussions featuring health care providers, insurers, consumer representatives, employers, and state and regional health officials. The panels will also respond to questions from the general public. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has been invited to address the Kansas City event.

The Health Care Summit's Kansas City session will begin at 8:30 AM on Friday, October 29th, and will be held in Bartle Hall of the Kansas City Convention Center. It will be co-chaired by Senators Dole, Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kansas), Jack Danforth (R-MO) and Kit Bond (R-MO).

"This is a unique opportunity for Kansans to express their views on the health care crisis and hear what the nation's top experts believe must be done to cure our ailing health care system," Senator Kassebaum said.

The Summit session in Garden City will be co-chaired by Senators Dole and Kassebaum, and Congressman Pat Roberts. The Garden City event will take place in the Clifford Hope Auditorium at Garden City High School, and begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 30th.

Due to space limitations, those wishing to attend must register in advance through the Columbia Institute, an independent, bi-partisan organization that is coordinating the events. The only cost to participants will be a fee, collected by the Columbia Institute, to cover the cost of the lunch and refreshment breaks. Those interested in attending may call the offices of Senators Dole, Kassebaum, Danforth or Bond, or Representative Roberts for further information.

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