

Bob Dole



NEWS

U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Wednesday, January 18, 1995

Contact: Dave Spears  
316-263-4956

DOLE PUSHES FOR REAL PROGRESS ON CHILD HUNGER

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today released the following statement in response to the Food Research and Action Center's Kansas childhood hunger identification project study:

"I commend the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) for their efforts to identify children suffering from hunger in the state of Kansas.

"In my view, one hungry child is one too many. I have long been involved in developing ways to tackle the problem through programs such as school lunch, food stamps, and WIC. These programs have had their successes, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't stop looking for better ways to end hunger in America.

"Child hunger and the resulting federal food and nutrition programs need to be reexamined by this Congress in the context of welfare reform and deficit reduction. I have heard from many Kansans who are concerned about provisions in the House of Representatives' "Contract with America," which calls for block grants for nutrition programs. While the "Contract with America" has not been introduced in the Senate, the Senate will thoroughly examine innovative solutions including the value of the block grant approach.

"As we examine spending priorities, every federal program will go under the microscope. We need to reassess programs that aren't working, overhaul those that can work better, and acknowledge ones that work well. Let's face it, we already know there are abuses in the food stamp program which need to be addressed.

"As Congress reviews these issues, we must use our most powerful tools to meet the needs of hungry children in Kansas and across the nation. I will continue to push for real progress, and ensure that we in Congress do our part to eliminate hunger in America."

###