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BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

DOLE CHALLENGES PRESIDENT TO RALLY DEMOCRAT SUPPORT FOR
BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT, PRODUCE ONE MORE VOTE FOR VICTORY

WASHINGTON -- Saying President Clinton could "make the difference" on the Balanced Budget Amendment after endorsing a balanced budget, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today urged the President to appeal to Senate Democrats to provide the margin of victory for the amendment. The text of Senator Dole's letter to President Clinton follows:

Dear Mr. President:

One week has now passed since you announced your support for a balanced budget, and I remain convinced that what I said then is true--if we do not succeed in putting America on a path to a balanced budget, then we will forever bear the judgement of history.

Given the Republican majorities in the House and Senate, the overwhelming support of the American people, and your endorsement of setting such a path, I am very optimistic that we will succeed.

One step that I believe would absolutely guarantee success would be for Congress to send the Balanced Budget Amendment to the states. This would send a powerful message to the American people of our desire to change the status quo.

As you know, we fell just one vote short in the Senate of sending the amendment to the states. Your support would have made the difference then, and I believe it would make the difference now. I invite you to sit down with Senate Democrats--especially those six who supported the amendment in the past, and opposed it this year--and to ask for one more vote on behalf of the Balanced Budget Amendment.

I look forward to working with you in the weeks ahead as we work to ensure a better future for our children, our grandchildren, and our country.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE