



Kansas Association of Wheat Growers

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

August 23rd, 2017

Dear Speaker Ryan,

We are writing you today in support of H.R. 3332, the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act. The Senate version of this Bill, S. 1616, passed the Senate unanimously on a voice vote. The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers strongly urges the consideration and passage of this legislation.

Senator Dole has been a friend of Kansas wheat farmers, and American agriculture, his entire career. Growing up amongst the wheat fields in Russell, Kansas, Senator Dole knows how important farmers are to our nation's success. His support for farmers came in many different ways, from supporting farm programs to pushing for foreign aid and campaigning for a food-secure future for our children. Senator Dole has been a tireless champion for both the hungry, and those who try and feed the world.

While it may be impossible for us to list all of the ways in which Senator Dole has helped American farmers, perhaps it was best summed up by President Ronald Reagan. As he awarded Bob Dole the Presidential Citizens Medal, President Regan stated, "Whether on the battlefield or Capitol Hill, Senator Dole has served America heroically...[H]e has also been a friend to veterans, farmers, and Americans from every walk of life. Bob Dole has stood for integrity, straight talk and achievement throughout his years of distinguished public service". The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers couldn't be prouder to call Senator Dole a friend, and a colleague. We ask you to please support the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Metal Act, this the perfect recognition for this great Kansan, and a great American.

Sincerely,

The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers

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