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Dear Senator Dole:

Yesterday, the N.C. Republican Party unveiled a television ad which even John McCain and the Republican National Committee described as degrading and distracting.

Yet, you remain silent.

North Carolinians are struggling to pay for medicine and gas. The economy is tipping into recession. The war in Iraq drags on, at the cost of thousands of lives and countless billions of dollars.

People are losing their homes and our nation's veterans are being neglected. And amidst all of this, your state party launched an ad which doesn't even touch on any of the issues North Carolinians care about.

As the highest-ranking Republican in the state, you have both the ability and responsibility to erase this stain on our state. As a candidate running for re-election, your campaign will undoubtedly be assisted by your state party.

Your silence tells North Carolinians that you will also sanction similar gutter tactics in your own campaign.

Weak excuses that you have no control over your own state party will not be tolerated by voters. Without a doubt, you could halt this ad with a simple telephone call.

It is incumbent upon you to act like the state and national leader you claim to be and break your silence. We urgently insist that you demand that the ad be immediately halted.

Your reputation, and most regrettably, the reputation of our great state depend on your swift action.

With best wishes,

Jerry Meek
NC Democratic Party Chairman