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## Drop out, Mr. Dole

Libertarian challenger Harry Browne says, "Take your own advice, Mr. Dole."

WASHINGTON, DC — Mr. Dole, it's time to go.

It's time for Bob Dole to take the advice he gave Ross Perot — and drop out of the presidential race, says Libertarian candidate Harry Browne.

"Mr. Dole was correct — it's time for the candidate with no chance to win to step aside," said Browne, the only third-party contender besides Perot to be on the ballot in all 50 states.

"America needs to coalesce around a *genuine* opposition candidate who can articulate sharp policy differences with President Clinton — and Bob Dole isn't that candidate. The most useful thing Mr. Dole can do now is gracefully bow out of the race," said Browne.

The problem with Dole's campaign, said Browne, is that it's reached a dead-end.

"Mr. Dole's polling numbers are stagnant, even though he's spent \$100 million to promote himself over the past two years. Two TV debates with President Clinton gave him the chance to boost his support. But nothing worked. His campaign is in a downward death spiral."

Browne conceded that Dole was unlikely to heed his advice, but said, "Someone has to be the first to say out loud what so many Americans are thinking to themselves. It's time to acknowledge that Dole should pass the torch to another presidential candidate — one who can effectively make the case for smaller government; a candidate who is not encumbered by a 30-year track record of voting for larger government.

"And there's room in this race for Mr. Perot, too, who's done an admirable job of focusing attention on the problems that confront America — a frightening national debt, out-of-control entitlement programs, and political corruption. In fact, we make a good team: Perot explains the problems, and I offer the solutions."

Browne admitted his polling numbers are below Dole's numbers. "That's because most Americans haven't heard my ideas yet. Imagine if voters could hear *real* proposals to reduce government to a fraction of its present size. If I get my message to the American public, I believe I could have a greater impact on this election than Mr. Dole," said Browne.

"But the clock is ticking — and Mr. Dole is cluttering up the field, confusing voters who want a real alternative to Clinton. So, if Mr. Dole really supports much smaller government, he should take his own advice. He should drop out of the race, and throw his support behind Harry Browne, Libertarian candidate for President."