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Georgia Fact of the Day #3: Rep. Buddy Childers May Stall the Engine of Growth

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **Rep. Buddy Childers signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge in 1998. Last year, he broke his commitment to taxpayer and voted for a massive tax increase.**

Big spenders will most certainly push for higher taxes in the next legislative session. The options for higher taxes are wide, and may not only affect Georgia taxpayers at the personal level, but also the state's business climate. Currently, Georgia ranks 22nd in the Small Business Survival Index 2004 issued by the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council.

If the tax burden on businesses and residents were increased, the state might embark on a trail that may be dangerous for the state's economy and fiscal health, by putting small business - the backbone of every state's economy - at risk.



According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 75% of all new jobs are created by small business – they are the engine of growth.



Thanks to President Bush's tax cutting policies, the national economy has picked up steam and has created almost 2 million jobs since August 2003. The positive momentum has carried over into the states.

Raising taxes would only derail the train of economic recovery, and stall the engine of growth – it should not be an option.

Yet, Rep. Childers broke his word once, he may do it again.

His opponent Barry Loudermilk has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, and has thereby pledged to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.