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Senate District 33 Election Fact of the Day #2 Mark Herring Out of Touch With Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In the race for the 33rd state senate district seat, Sen. Mark Herring has refused to make a commitment to taxpayers and sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

Here are a few good reasons why his leaving the door open for higher taxes is sending the wrong message to the hard-working families of Virginia:

Tax cuts, not tax increases, spur economic growth and prosperity:

President Bush's four tax cuts in four years have brought the national economy back on the right track, and the states are benefiting from it:

- The nation's household wealth has increased \$17.2 trillion, or 44.4% since President Bush signed into law the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, creating 30% of the nation's wealth in just four years.*
- Over 8.1 million jobs have been created since August 2003, and September 2007 marked the 49th consecutive month of job growth.**
- Unemployment is currently at 4.7%, lower than the average rate of the 1970s, 80s, and 90s.***

**A commitment not to raise taxes should be the logical conclusion.
Yet, Sen. Herring wants to leave the door open for increasing your taxes.
He is clearly out of touch with taxpayers.**

His challenger Patricia Phillips has committed to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes,” and has thus made clear that she stands on the side of the hard-working taxpayers of Virginia.

* <http://www.ATR.org/content/pdf/2007/april/041207ot-impactoftaxcuts.pdf>;

** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/economy/>

***<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf>