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## Kerry Vows to Continue the Streak of Broken Tax Promises to NJ Taxpayers

*John Kerry Officially Joins the NJ Democratic Party Tonight By Lying on Taxes*

WASHINGTON – Tonight Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry comes to New Jersey promising tax increases on the wealthy and “middle-class tax cuts.” But New Jersey taxpayers have heard this many times before. Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) warns New Jersey taxpayers not to believe the rhetoric. Kerry will promise the world away to get elected then turn his back on his promises just as Florio, Clinton, and McGreevey have recently done.

Campaign Promise - Governor Jim Florio - **"I do not foresee any new taxes"**

October 25, 1989, “In New Jersey, Silence on Fiscal Squeeze,” *New York Times*

Actual Result – Raised taxes \$2.8 billion within 6 months of making the statement above

Campaign Promise – President Bill Clinton – **“Clinton proposes higher taxes for the top 2 percent of the nation's taxpayers, which translates to couples earning more than \$ 200,000 a year.”**

July 12, 1992, “Clinton’s Economic Program: Will it work?” *Boston Globe*

Actual Result – Clinton imposed the largest tax increase in American history on the middle class including the punishing gas tax increase, a new tax on Social Security benefits of senior citizens, and small business tax increases.

Campaign Promise – Governor James E. McGreevey – **“We are not going to raise taxes.”**

October 25, 2001, “Candidates for governor meet in first network television debate,” *Associated Press*

Actual Result - Raised taxes nearly \$2 billion in first year, \$600 million second year, has proposed another \$1.2 billion for his third year, and has just endorsed raising the income tax another billion.

## WELCOME TO THE CLUB OF BROKEN PROMISES SEN. KERRY

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