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# Taxpayers Win in Georgia's Senate District 24 Primary

*--Pledge-breaker Joey Brush fails to retain seat --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a competitive Republican primary battle for the Georgia Senate District 24 seat, pro-taxpayer candidate Jim Whitehead won over incumbent senator Joey Brush.

Both candidates signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to “oppose and vote against any and all tax increases”, yet Joey Brush broke his pledge in April of 2003 by voting to raise taxes by \$180 million (V0610, HB 43, April 25, 2003).

By breaking his written commitment to the people of the 24<sup>th</sup> district, Joey Brush invited questions as to whether he would raise taxes again.

**“Tuesday’s Georgia primary results show that taxes are still an important issue with voters,”** said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Joey Brush broke his commitment to the people of Georgia by voting for a tax increase and now he’s feeling the consequences.”**

John Whitehead will face Democrat Chuck Pardue in the November elections. Chuck Pardue has not signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

**“Joey Brush’s tax-and-spend record has led to the demise of his career,”** Norquist continued. **“The people of Georgia’s 24<sup>th</sup> district now have a candidate who will truly defend them from burdensome tax increases.”**

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