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## Fact of the Day #2: Rep. Buddy Childers' Tax-and-Spend Style Endangers GA Families

*--Childers' tax-raising record puts jobs in danger --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The country has seen the creation of almost 2 million jobs since August 2003 as a result of President Bush's tax cutting policy. Benefiting from the president's policy, Georgia's unemployment rate has declined from 4.6% to 4.1%, and is much lower than the national average, which is at 5.4%. President Bush, a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, made a commitment to "oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes".

In 1998, Rep. Buddy Childers made the same commitment to his constituents by signing the Pledge. He broke his commitment in April of 2003 by voting for a \$180 million tax increase (V0610, HB 43, April 25, 2003).

He gave his constituents a guarantee that he would not raise taxes, but did so anyway. Would Rep. Childers do it again?

With special interest groups pushing for higher taxes, Rep. Childers' tax-increasing record leaves the door open to other tax increases that may harm Georgia families:

- **Raising death taxes** – destroys family farms and small businesses.
- **Raising sales taxes** – raises the cost of living for all Georgia families.
- **Raising income taxes** – threatens family businesses and job creation.
- **Raising gasoline taxes** – raises the cost of every good transported within the state, raising the cost of living for all families.

**"The country has seen phenomenal economic growth as a result of the president's tax cuts,"** said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **"The families of Georgia have felt the positive effects of President Bush's tax cuts. Rep. Childers' tax-and-spend record not only endangers the financial well-being of Georgia families, it also reveals that his signing of the Protection Pledge in 1998 was nothing but election grandstanding."**

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