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## Fact of the Day #1: Caren Gordon Refuses to Make Commitment to Taxpayers

*-- Incumbent in Illinois House District 75 leaves door open for tax increases --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The voters in Illinois’ House District 75 get to choose between two very different candidates to represent their interests in the legislature: Incumbent Caren Gordon (D), and Doug Hayse (R), the fiscal conservative Police Chief of the City of Morris.

While Doug Hayse has openly declared his commitment to taxpayers’ interests by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which commits incumbent legislators and candidates ‘to oppose and vote against any and all tax increases’, Caren Gordon has refused to make this commitment to her constituency.

**“By not signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Caren Gordon sends a clear message to the hard-working families of Illinois,”** said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“The message is that she is open to raising taxes. She is willing to put her constituents’ pocketbooks on the line.”**

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. President George W. Bush has signed the Pledge. 42 U.S. senators and 218 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have also signed the Pledge. In signing, they join eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, and more than 1325 state legislators.

**“The taxpayers of Illinois deserve to know who their friends are,”** Norquist continued. **“While Doug Hayse has chosen to side with the taxpayers of his state, Caren Gordon has made clear that she prefers not to make a commitment, and she leaves the door wide open for future tax increases.”**

*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](mailto:cbutler@atr.org).*