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Fact of the Day #1: Rep. Harry Mortenson Broke His Commitment to Taxpayers

--Would he do it again? --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In 1998, Rep. Harry Mortenson (HD-42) signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to **“oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

On July 21, 2003 the Nevada legislature passed SB 8, a major tax increase. State Rep. Harry Mortenson, seeking re-election in House District 42, supported the measure, thereby breaking his Pledge.

What did Rep. Harry Mortenson support?

- SB 8 amounts to a 33% increase over the previous biennium budget, and amounts to a record \$833 million in new taxes.
- As of last fiscal year, revenues came in \$141 million higher than estimated for the first year of the biennium.
- *By the end of the current fiscal year, the tax increase will have cost Nevada taxpayers over \$1 billion.*

Mortenson made a statement of principle by signing the Pledge, and then broke that Pledge.

Would Rep. Mortenson break his Pledge again?

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.