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CURT BROMM FACT OF THE DAY #4

For Those Who Have a Drink or Use Tobacco: Curt Bromm Added \$120,012,000 to Your Tab

WASHINGTON—Speaker Curt Bromm (R-Wahoo), candidate for Nebraska's 1st seat in the U.S. House, has a history of causing problems for the Nebraska taxpayer.

Politicians in favor of higher taxes like to pick on a small percentage of the population so most taxpayers don't pay attention to the problem. But Curt Bromm has passed so many tax increases that he's hit just about everyone. Bromm hit Nebraskans with a new income tax, then he picked on homeowners, then those whose children are in daycare. Curt Bromm's softest target was alcohol and tobacco, and he took advantage of the opportunity.

Through 2007, Curt Bromm's tax increases on alcohol, cigarettes and other forms of tobacco will cost Nebraskans \$120 million.

"Tax-and-spend politicians often go after the easy targets first, and some of the easiest targets are consumers of alcohol and tobacco," said taxpayer advocate and Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) President Grover Norquist. **"Curt Bromm certainly didn't fail to put these Nebraskans in his crosshairs. In addition to paying all the other taxes Curt Bromm has increased, they now have an enormous new bill to cover."**

"Unfortunately, the cost of these huge 'sin taxes' is not only paid by those who might take a drink or smoke. Costs reverberate through the economy in lost sales and business."

Notably, Curt Bromm has refused to sign ATR's Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Candidates who refuse to sign the Pledge have a history of turning their backs on taxpayers once in office, and voting for tax increases as Bromm has done in the Nebraska legislature.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or at jcollegio@atr.org.