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## **Lois Murphy Threatens Taxpayers in Pennsylvania-06**

*Democratic House Candidate Lois Murphy Vows to Eliminate Bush Tax Cuts*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In response to Rep. Jim Gerlach's (R) spirited commitment to the Bush tax plan, Democratic challenger Lois Murphy said that one of the first things she would do if elected would be to make sure that those measures were not made permanent.

Gerlach has signed ATR's Taxpayer Protection Pledge and recently told Foxnews.com that, "the tax cuts were absolutely the right thing to do." More: "In April, 288,000 jobs were created, and 800,000 this year... I think the tax cuts of 2003 have played a big role in that economic turnaround."

Since the latest tax relief was signed into law the economy has moved to an economic boom. The President's Jobs and Growth tax relief package enacted a year ago helped drive the strong improvement in our economy. It raised the level of economic activity and productivity, which will result in higher incomes and living standards for American workers.

The American economy grew at a strong annual pace of 4.4% during the first quarter of 2004—well above the historical average, and continuing the strong growth seen over the previous two quarters. Economic growth over the last year has been the fastest in nearly 20 years, at 5.0% annual rate that would double the real size of the economy in 14 years.

In her opposition to the Bush tax plan Lois Murphy has boldly shown that she would rather ignore the demands of the taxpayers of Pennsylvania than commit to a policy that would lower taxes statewide and spur economic growth. Although she claims to be committed to "policies that benefit the middle class," her stance on these issues indicates that she is inept in supporting those initiatives that have been shown to produce real results. Moreover, Lois Murphy has not signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge which indicates a willingness to raise taxes in the future.

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