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Fact of the Day #3: Bob Beers Dedicated to Taxpayers' Interests

- State Representative vying for Senate seat rejects higher taxes -

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Until 2003, Nevada, also known as the ‘gambling state’ long had enjoyed the reputation as something of a tax haven. When lawmakers voted to raise taxes by \$833 million that year to make up for spending binges, they embarked on a trail that may be dangerous for the state’s economy and fiscal health.

The tax increase passed included a variety of business taxes, excise taxes, live entertainment taxes, higher taxes on gaming, and an increase in the real property transfer tax.

Bob Beers, who currently represents voters of the 4th Assembly district, and is seeking the Republican nomination in the 6th Senate district this year, was well aware of the negative impact higher taxes would have on Nevada’s business climate and the pocketbooks of Nevada’s families. Thus, he voted AGAINST the tax increase.

Beers, a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes” tried to spare Nevadans from:

- *Increase in business taxes => cost: more than \$250 million over two years!*
- *Increase in gaming taxes => cost: almost \$100 million over two years!*
- *Increase in cigarette tax => cost: more than \$130 million over two years!*
- *Increase in distilled spirits tax => cost: almost \$30 million over two years!*
- *Live entertainment tax => cost: almost \$120 million over two years!*
- *Increase in real property transfer tax => cost: more than \$120 million over two years!*

By the end of the current fiscal year, the tax increase Bob Beers wanted to prevent will have cost Nevada taxpayers over \$1 billion!

Beers opponent, incumbent Senator Ray Rawson, voted for this tax hike.

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.