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## Media Advisory: Taxpayer Advocate Grover Norquist and State Lawmakers to Call for Greater Transparency in Government Spending *Press Conference in Support of the "Transparency in Government Act" Monday, December 8*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, and state lawmakers will be holding a press conference in support of the “Transparency in Government Act”, a bill that would mandate the creation of a searchable website detailing comprehensive information on New Jersey state expenditures.

The Transparency in Government Act is part of a growing movement to empower taxpayers to track their tax dollars at a mouse click and to make government finances more accountable to taxpayers. Over a dozen states have passed similar legislation in the last two years, and several governors and other state constitutional officers have taken steps to improve accountability through transparency. Several of these websites are already live and can be accessed through the Center for Fiscal Accountability’s website at [www.fiscalaccountability.org](http://www.fiscalaccountability.org).

**WHAT:** Press Conference in Support of Transparency in Government Spending  
**WHEN:** Monday, December 8, 2008 at 12p.m. (Noon)  
**WHERE:** State House Annex, Room 103  
**WHO:** Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform  
Sen. Joe Pennacchio, sponsor of the Transparency in Govt. Spending Act  
Sen. Tom Kean, Republican leader  
Kansas State Rep. Kasha Kelley (invited) who sponsored and passed legislation after which the Transparency in Govt. Spending Act was modeled (invited)  
Sandra Fabry, executive director of the Center for Fiscal Accountability  
and other lawmakers and activists

“Thomas Jefferson once said: ‘*We might hope to see the finances of the Union as clear and intelligible as a merchant’s books, so that every members of Congress and every man of any kind in the Union should be able to comprehend them, to investigate abuses, and consequently to control them,*’” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “The Internet has given us the tools to make the Founding Fathers’ vision a reality. New Jersey lawmakers would be well advised to take this opportunity to pass this legislation which will help to make government more accountable and to eliminate the potential for fraud, waste and abuse.”

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 John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).

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