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THINK TANKER GROVER NORQUIST DISCUSSES THE CONSERVATIVE AGENDA WITH PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS COLUMNIST DAVE DAVIES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA (March 7, 2006) – On Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., the National Constitution Center welcomes a father of today's contemporary conservative movement, Grover Norquist. Norquist -- in a conversation with Philadelphia Daily News Journalist Dave Davies – will discuss the conservative agenda as well as offer his thoughts on strategies for retaining the Republican majority and tax reform. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Norquist is president of the noted anti-tax lobbying group Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a coalition of tax paying groups, individuals and businesses opposed to higher taxes at all levels. It was Norquist who developed the Tax Payer Protection Plan in which 208 members of Congress pledged to oppose all tax increases. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "He has truly made a difference and truly changed American history."

In addition to heading Americans for Tax Reform, Norquist currently serves on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association and the American Conservative Union. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is president of the American Society of Competitiveness. Norquist holds a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, both from Harvard University. He is the author of *Rock the House*, an analysis of the 1994 presidential election.

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Dave Davies has covered government and politics in Philadelphia for the past twenty years for several different news organizations. He is currently senior writer for the Philadelphia Daily News, where he has worked since 1990. He is also a fill-in host for National Public Radio's *Fresh Air*, and WHYY's *Radio Times* with Marty Moss-Coane. Before joining the Daily News, Dave was city hall bureau chief for KYW News Radio, and city hall correspondent for WHYY-FM.. He was also a founding editor of *Community Focus*, a weekly newspaper in Philadelphia's Kensington and Port Richmond areas. He was born and raised in Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas in 1975.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

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