



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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Dear _____,

I am writing to share with you my concerns about a number of the Republican delegates and senators, who at least once voted for HB 5018.

In a letter I sent to 31 Delegates and Senators in early April, I pointed out that in other states where a handful of Republican legislators joined with Democrats to pass a tax increase, at least two of those legislators, Representatives Lane Shetterly and Max Williams, soon accepted jobs from a Democrat governor, creating the appearance of a quid pro quo.

These 31 Delegates and Senators I wrote to had either voted for a tax increase or publicly declared that they considered voting for one. In the interest of public faith in government, I asked that they publicly assure their constituents that they had not been offered, and would not accept, any such job.

I informed them that I would release to the media a full list of responses from legislators.

Since I sent that letter, only five delegates have responded even though there was ample time to reply by either phone, fax, or email.

Delegate Parrish from Manassas, Delegate Tata from Virginia Beach, Delegate Jones from Suffolk, and Delegate Ingram from Hopewell assured me that they have not been offered and will not accept any appointment from the Governor, or any job with an entity that benefited from the tax increase. Please, find their assurances attached to this letter.

A troublesome number of 26 Delegates and Senators have not responded to my challenge, and thus have not ruled out that they may have been paid off. I thought as GOP national committeeman for Virginia, you should be aware of this possibility.

On behalf of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, I would like to thank you for holding your party together and getting a coherent anti-tax message out. Virginians are aware that the Republicans who voted for the tax increases are dissidents, and do not reflect what the Republican party of Virginia stands for.

Onward,

Grover G. Norquist

**Virginia Legislators
Sent April 7th Letter**

Senate

Harry Blevins (R-14)
John Chichester (R-28)
Emmet Hanger (R-24)
Charles Hawkins (R-19)
William Mims (R-33)
Thomas Norment (R-3)
Russell Potts (R-27)
Frederick Quayle (R-13)
Frank Ruff (R-15)
Kenneth Stolle (R-8)
Walter Stosch (R-12)
William Wampler (R-40)
John Watkins (R-10)

House

Preston Bryant (R-23)
Vincent F. Callahan (R-34)
Charles W. Carrico, Sr. (R-5)
Jim Dillard (R-41)
William H. Fralin, Jr. (R-17)
Robert Hurt (R-16)
Riley Ingram (R-62)
Chris Jones (R-76)
Daniel Marshall (R-14)
Harvey Morgan (R-98)
David Nutter (R-7)
Glenn Oder (R-94)
Robert Orrock (R-54)
Harry Parrish (R-50)
Gary A. Reese (R-67)
Thomas Rust (R-86)
Edward T. Scott (R-30)
Robert Tata (R-85)

Responses to Challenge Letter:

Del. Parrish, Manassas

I want to answer your fax: I have not been offered a job by anyone, because I have my own business. I have been in elected office for 53 years. And I would not accept any job that anyone did offer me that would have anything to do with legislative process. I represent the citizens of the commonwealth of Virginia and will continue to do so to the best of my abilities.”

Del. Chris Jones, Suffolk

“(…) Regarding the tax increase and legislators accepting jobs from a democratic governor, you can certainly be assured that this has not, is not and will never be the case with me. I will have a letter forthcoming to you first of the week (…)”

Del. Robert Tata, Virginia Beach

“In answer your letter of April 7th regarding support for tax increases for the people of Virginia, at my age I don’t even buy green bananas let alone work or worry about another job. The answer to both of your questions is “NO”. (…)

Del. Dave Nutter, Montgomery

“Please note that I would never take a political appointment with the Warner administration. Having served as a schedule C appointee under President Reagan, I remain committed to the Republican Party. (…)”

Del. Riley Ingram, Hopewell

“(…) I can assure you I have been offered nothing, if I were ever offered anything I would not do it, and if I was ever going to take something like this, I would not be in the job in the first place.”