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Representative Bev Kilmer Wants to Give Florida's Taxpayers a Break

--State Representative Bev Kilmer, now running for Congress, named Friend of the Taxpayer for Sponsoring Tax Free Holiday for Floridians since 1998 --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – For the last seven years, Floridians could count on one Representative's efforts to give them a break – a break from paying sales tax on clothes, books and school supplies. While the measure was not implemented in 2002 and 2003, Representative Bev Kilmer has remained persistent, and introduced a proposal for a nine-day sales tax holiday this year, with good chances of passing.

If the measure succeeds – and an accompanying bill has cleared the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee – consumers would not pay tax on clothing and books costing up to \$100, and school supplies up to \$10.

“Floridians can consider themselves lucky to have legislators like Bev Kilmer who stand up for their interests,” said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“Everybody deserves a break from the taxman, and Bev Kilmer has a record of trying to give the taxpayers of her state just that.”**

For the past two years, Kilmer said, she had to sit still while the governor of Georgia came on TV and encouraged Floridians to go north to buy their clothes. While providing a welcome break for taxpayers, a sales tax holiday is likely to boost sales for retailers in Florida, and thus contribute to a healthy economy.

“Bev Kilmer is one of Florida's politicians who stand out from the crowd of tax-and-spenders,” Norquist continued. **“Florida's taxpayers have been able to count on her, and can continue to do so in the future.”**

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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.