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INTERVIEW ALERT:

In Texas' School Finance Debate, Who Will Defend Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A special session of the Texas legislature begins tomorrow to discuss an overhaul of public school finance. A number of different plans have been proposed, many containing onerous new taxes.

Governor Perry has vowed that he will be pushing for a revenue-neutral reform of the system.

Last year, the Governor, with the help of a staunch alliance of more than 35 anti-taxers, crafted a budget that closed a \$10 billion revenue gap without raising taxes.

The following Texas legislators have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge:

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| 1. Todd Staples (S-3) | 15. Harvey Hilderbran (H-53) | 29. Elvira Reyna (H-101) |
| 2. Tommy Williams (S-4) | 16. Dianne White Delisi (H-55) | 30. Bill Keffer (H-107) |
| 3. Chris Harris (S-9) | 17. Arlene Wohlgenuth (H-58) | 31. Fred Hill (H-112) |
| 4. Kyle Janek (S-17) | 18. Jim Keffer (H-60) | 32. Will Harnett (H-114) |
| 5. Dan Flynn (H-2) | 19. Phil King (H-61) | 33. Ken Marchant (H-115) |
| 6. Leo Berman (H-6) | 20. Ron Clark (H-62) | 34. Frank Corte (H-122) |
| 7. Fred Brown (H-14) | 21. Myra Crowover (H-64) | 35. Joe Nixon (H-133) |
| 8. Larry Taylor (H-24) | 22. Jerry Madden (H-67) | 36. Martha Wong (H-134) |
| 9. Charlie Howard (H-26) | 23. Scott Campbell (H-72) | 37. Gary Elkins (H-135) |
| 10. Glenn Hegar (H-28) | 24. Tom Craddick (H-82) | 38. Dwayne Bohac (H-138) |
| 11. Gene Seaman (H-32) | 25. Carl Isett (H-84) | 39. Robert Talton (H-144) |
| 12. Edmund Kuempel (H-44) | 26. John Smithee (H-86) | 40. Talmadge Heflin (H-149) |
| 13. Todd Baxter (H-48) | 27. Kent Grusendorf (H-94) | |
| 14. Mike Krusee (H-52) | 28. Bill Zedler (H-96) | |

“Governor Perry and the Pledge signers were the heroes of last year’s budget session,” said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Texans are lucky to have these lawmakers who will make sure that big spenders cannot use education “reform” as a cover for a raid on taxpayers’ wallets.”**

Harvard-educated and street-smartened by years as a Washington insider, Norquist is your show’s ultimate guest to discuss the state budget reform. His bio can be found at <http://www.ATR.org/staff>. You can find more information about his organization Americans for Tax Reform at www.ATR.org.

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who support tax simplification and oppose all federal and state 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.