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Texas Pledge Signers to Protect Taxpayers - again

-- In the Lone Star State, the debate over public school finance is heating up--

WASHINGTON, D.C. – While Texas does not have a regular legislative session scheduled for this year, Governor Perry today announced that he will call in a special session to address the state’s public school finance system. The topic has been on the agenda for quite a while, and a number of different plans and ideas to overhaul the system are under discussion.

Governor Perry has vowed that he will be pushing for a revenue-neutral reform of the system. Last year, the Governor was able to craft a budget that closed a \$10 billion revenue gap without raising taxes with the help of a staunch alliance of more than 35 anti-taxers, all signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform.

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

The following Texan 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 Crownover (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) | |

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