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State Leader Nominated for Award

Brandon Dutcher from Oklahoma receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Brandon is employed by the Oklahoma Policy Council. He works very hard and has recruited over 25 people to attend the Center-Right Coalition meeting in his state.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Brandon work for the Oklahoma policy council has not interfered with a great Center-Right Coalition meeting. Although it is a new meeting, with Brandon’s help it will continue to be strong.”

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Greg Edwards from New Jersey receives nomination for Reagan Award

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While working as the President of the Center for Policy Research in New Jersey, Gregg Edwards also finds time to moderate a center-right coalition meeting in southern New Jersey. The location of the meeting allows the state legislators to attend regularly and work with the activists.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Greg has been a front runner for a smaller governments. His willingness to lead the charge has made him a central figure in New Jersey Politics.”

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Richard Falknor from Maryland receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Although Richard Falknor keeps himself busy as the Vice President of the Maryland Taxpayers Association, he still finds time to hold a monthly Center-Right Coalition meeting in Annapolis. He is a hard worker who works closely with the state legislators to defend the rights of taxpayers across the state.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Sarah is a great contact for the Center-Right Coalition in Indiana. Although she’s not the face of the group her hard work keeps it going.”

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Chip Faulkner from Massachusetts receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Chip works in Massachusetts for the Citizens for Limited Taxation. Chip not only helps with the Massachusetts Center-Right meeting he travels to meetings in other states as well, all in addition to the work he does for CLT.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Chip not only runs a great meeting in Massachusetts he is always willing to travel to other states and help with meetings there as well.”

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Sadie Fields from Georgia receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Sadie Fields moderates a Center-Right Coalition meeting and is constantly striving to improve her meeting which began in November. She is an energetic leader and always has the best interest of Georgians at heart.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Sadie met the challenge of moderating a Center-Right Coalition meeting head on. She has been a tremendous conservative supporter ever since.”

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John Gyles from Alabama receives nomination for Reagan Award

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John deserves the nomination for his unflagging fight against Gov. Bob Riley's tax increases in Alabama in 2003.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, "John is a courageous man who stood up against his national organization to side with the people."

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Henry Kriegel from Montana receives nomination for Reagan Award

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In Montana Henry Kriegel has pulled together a wonderful Center-Right Coalition meeting that grows each month. The members are so committed that many drive for a few hours to attend the meetings.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Henry has worked hard to get the Montana meeting up and running. With his help the meeting will continue to be a huge success.”

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Brandon Lynaugh from Ohio receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Brandon thought it was important for the Buckeye Institute to chair the Center-Right Coalition meeting in Ohio. When he changed jobs he was willing to give up his role as moderator for the good of the group, however he continues to avidly recruit new members.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Although Brandon no longer heads up the Oklahoma Center-Right Coalition meeting he continues to participate and recruits new members.”

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Anne and John McClaughry from Vermont receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Anne and John McClaughry head up the Ethan Allen Institute in Vermont. At their last event they had the governor open for P.J. O'Rourke. Anne heads the Center-Right Coalition meeting in her state and is working to pass TABOR.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, "Anne has worked with a variety of groups to compose a tax payer bill of rights. She is a strong example for conservatives."

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Joe Morris from Illinois receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Joe works for the Lincoln Legal Foundation. His tireless efforts to further the collaboration effort of the conservative party make him a worthy nominee.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “The Illinois meeting has been going for over 12 years and in all that time Joe has never received the credit that he deserves.”

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Sarah Mott from Indiana receives nomination for Reagan Award

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In Indiana, Sarah Mott moderates the monthly center-right coalition meeting held in Indianapolis. Sarah always has a smile on her face and enthusiastically looks for ways to work with grassroots activists.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Even though the Indiana meeting is a new meeting Sarah is more than willing to help assist the Indiana family institute.”

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Kelley Ogletree from Missouri receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Kelley Ogletree began to moderate a center-right coalition in Missouri this past November. She is an extremely hard worker and has gathered a great group of center-right minded state activists. This meeting has been successful from day one.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Kelley was very excited at the prospect of starting a Center-Right Coalition meeting in Missouri. I’m glad she’s on our side.”

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Karl Peterjohn from Kansas receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Karl runs a Center-Right Coalition meeting in Kansas very far from his office. He works for the Kansas Taxpayers Network. The meetings take place as much as once a week when the legislature is in session.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Karl is willing to drive over an hour to host his Center Right meeting, which meets once a week. The only credit he receives for his determination is a well run meeting and the opportunity to collaborate with everyone from conservative lobbyist to state legislators.”

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Alan Philip from Colorado receives nomination for Reagan Award

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In addition to being the Executive Director for The Center for the New American Century, Alan Philip moderates a center-right coalition meeting in Denver. The meeting is about a year old and Alan continues to pull together a strong monthly meeting.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Alan’s effort towards the conservative well being of Colorado have been instrumental in the reorganization of a Center-Right meeting.”

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Linda Runbeck from Minnesota receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Linda works for the Taxpayers League of Minnesota. The governor speaks well of her organization. Linda does a vast amount of work for her group, and goes above and beyond by helping with the state Center-Right Coalition meeting.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Linda is concerned about the conservative welfare of all states she is not only active in Minnesota she takes action involving other states.”

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