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State Leader Nominated for Award

Aaron Smith from South Dakota receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Aaron works closely with State Representative Matthew McCaulley to head the Center-Right meeting in South Dakota.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “In South Dakota it can be difficult to coordinate a meeting but Aarons has been up and running for over a year.”

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Steve Dickenson from Mississippi receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Steve Dickson is an integral part of the center-right coalition in Mississippi. He works hard to further the center-right agenda in the state.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Steve’s members are always willing to participate in ATR’s events. The Mississippi coalition would be a great contribution to any meeting.”

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Michael Quinn Sullivan from Texas receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Michael not only works for the Texas Public Policy Institute he heads the Center-Right Coalition Meeting in his state. There are 80 members and after each meeting Michael takes the time to scan in all of the handouts for members to read on-line.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “The Texas meeting has always encompassed a great group of people. Among this group Michael shines through his ability to lead the coalition.”

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John Taylor from Virginia receives nomination for Reagan Award

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John Taylor works for the Virginia Institute for Public Policy. The Center-Right Meeting he moderates has over 50 members. Recently, when Gov. Warner announced he intends to raise taxes John held his meeting and a combative press conference in the capitol to fight for taxpayer's rights.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “John Taylor does everything from policy briefs to moderating the Center-Right Coalition Meeting in Virginia to press conferences. His efforts against higher taxes help Virginia tax payers sleep better at night.”

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Karen Testerman from New Hampshire receives nomination for Reagan Award

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Karen works for the Cornerstone Policy Research Institute. Her continued efforts to further Conservatives make her a commendable nominee.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Karen’s endeavors to further lower taxes in New Hampshire have paid off. Groups against higher taxes come to the New Hampshire meetings along with influential state leaders.”

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Rick Watson from Florida receives nomination for Reagan Award

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This year Rick Watson was named as a nominee. Rick is a grassroots activist who is also a lawyer. He helps lead the Center-Right Coalition meeting in Florida. He has worked very hard to expand the leadership of the meeting and has since acquired speakers such as Johnny Byrd and other important leaders in his state. Rick is always willing to take on a new project and is very eager to offer suggestions. He's a real team player.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Rick deserves this award because he is influential to the Florida Center Right coalition meeting. His behind the scenes work deserved to be recognized.”

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Jason not only works with the Center-Right Coalition meeting in Oregon, recently he gained enough signatures to repeal a series of tax increases the legislature enacted in his state.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said, “Jason is active in the Center-Right Coalition meeting and in the tax payer association. His recent efforts to repeal the governors’ tax increases will earn him a place in the states history.”

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