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Who Will Defend Georgia's Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) asks all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, and thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. **By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Pledge signers are in good company: President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1280 state legislators.

In Georgia, these people have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Georgia and have signed the Pledge: (There has been redistricting in Georgia. The first district number given denotes the district seat for which the candidate is running; the second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

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| 1. Eric Johnson (S-1) | 14. Ronald L. Forster (H-3, P1) | 27. Bobby Franklin (H-43/H-17) | 40. Donna Sheldon (H-105) |
| 2. Rene D. Kemp (S-1/S-3) | 15. David Ralston (H-6) | 28. Matt Dollar (H-45/H-31) | 41. Len Walker (H-107/H-71, P1) |
| 3. Tommie Williams (S-19) | 16. Jack J. White (H-7/H-3) | 29. J. Mark Burkhalter (H-50/H-36) | 42. John Lunsford (H-110/H-85, P2) |
| 4. Chip Rogers (S-21/H-15) | 17. Amos Amerson (H-9) | 30. Tom Rice (H-51/H-64) | 43. Bob Smith (H-113) |
| 5. Don Cheeks (S-22/S-23) | 18. Ben D. Bridges (H-10/H-7) | 31. Bill Hembree (H-67/H-46) | 44. Barry A. Fleming (H-117/H-79) |
| 6. Joey Brush (S-24) | 19. E.M. Childers (H-14/H-13, P1) | 32. Jeff Brown (H-69/H-89) | 45. Ben Harbin (H-118/H-80) |
| 7. Mitch Seabaugh (S-28) | 20. Jeff Lewis (H-15/H-12) | 33. John P. Yates (H-73/H-85, P1) | 46. Sue Burmeister (H-119/H-96) |
| 8. Bill Heath (S-31/H-18) | 21. Carl Rogers (H-26/H-20) | 34. Fran Millar (H-79/H-52) | 47. Larry O'Neal (H-146/H-117) |
| 9. Terrell A. Starr (S-44) | 22. Calvin Hill (H-21/H-16) | 35. Jill Chambers (H-81/H-53) | 48. Ed Rynders (H-152/H-137) |
| 10. Renee S. Unterman (S-45) | 23. Jack Murphy (H-23/H-14, P2) | 36. John Mark Butler (H-88, P1) | 49. Jerry Keen (H-179/H-146) |
| 11. Ralph T. Hudgens (S-47) | 24. James Mills (H-25/H-67, P2) | 37. Brooks Coleman (H-97/H-65) | |
| 12. Casay Cagle (S-49) | 25. Chris Elrod (H-31/H-25) | 38. Mike Coan (H-101/H-67, P1) | |
| 13. Preston W. Smith (S-52) | 26. Sharon Cooper (H-41/H-30) | 39. David Casas (H-103/H-68) | |

CANDIDATES

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| 1. R. A. Griffin, Jr. (S-8) | 12. B. Chan Caudell (S-50) | 23. Taffy Rice (H-36) | 34. Linda Carsten (H-102) |
| 2. Bill Bonner (S-16) | 13. Mike Crane (S-51) | 24. John T. Callahan (H-51) | 35. Bob Guhl (H-111) |
| 3. Ronnie Chance (S-16) | 14. Martin Scott (H-2) | 25. Dave Hartman (H-54) | 36. Danny Ray Fisher, Jr. (H-111) |
| 4. Cecil Staton (S-18) | 15. Glenda Whisenant (H-6) | 26. George W. Pope (H-68) | 37. Joseph Sheehan (H-112) |
| 5. Jim Whitehead (S-24) | 16. Barry Loudermilk (H-14) | 27. Timothy J. Beardon (H-68) | 38. Sandoval Sanders (H-114) |
| 6. James Garner (S-31) | 17. Charlize Byrd (H-20) | 28. Billy Horne (H-71) | 39. David Corr (H-138) |
| 7. Judson Hill (S-32) | 18. Gina D. Carr (H-20) | 29. Chuck Bates (H-83) | 40. Alan Freeman (H-140) |
| 8. Mitchell Kaye (S-32) | 19. Randy Minter (H-20) | 30. Barry A. Doublestein (H-95) | 41. Wilbur E. Baugh (H-141) |
| 9. Kevin Solomon (S-32) | 20. Clint Smith (H-26) | 31. Bobby Reese (H-98) | 42. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (H-159) |
| 10. Bill Sanders (S-33) | 21. David Krache (H-32) | 32. Michael David Muntean (H-98) | 43. John Mark Hatfield (H-177) |
| 11. Andy Rice (S-37) | 22. Doug McKittrick (H-35) | 33. Mike Seigle (H-99) | |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Peg Blitch (S-7) | 5. Nathan Dean (S-31) | 9. Roger Hines (H-35) | 13. Lynn Westmoreland (H-86) |
| 2. Rooney Bowen (S-13) | 6. Charles B. Tanskley (S-32) | 10. Tom Campbell (H-39) | 14. Chuck Harper (H-88, P2) |
| 3. Mike D. Crotts (S-17) | 7. Brian Davis Joyce (H-2) | 11. Barbara J. Bunn (H-63) | |
| 4. Robert Lamutt (S-21) | 8. Warren Massey (H-24) | 12. Charles Bannister (H-70, P1) | |

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.