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Who Will Defend North Carolina'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/veto any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Signers of the Pledge 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 North Carolina, the following candidates have signed the Pledge: (There has been redistricting in North Carolina. Where two district numbers are given, the first denotes the district seat for which the candidate is running; the second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Scott Thomas (S-2) | 13. Austin M. Allran (S-42/S-44) | 25. Cary D. Allred (H-64) | 37. Mark Hilton (H-96/H-88) |
| 2. Woody White (S-9) | 14. Robert C. Carpenter (S-50) | 26. Nelson Cole (H-65) | 38. Rex L. Baker (H-91) |
| 3. Anthony E. Rand (S-19) | 15. Michael A. Gorman (H-3) | 27. P. Wayne Sexton, Sr. (H-66) | 39. Michael P. Decker, Sr. (H-73/H-94) |
| 4. Hugh Webster (S-24) | 16. Steven LaRoque (H-10) | 28. Arlie F. Culp (H-67) | 40. Karen Ray (H-95) |
| 5. Philip Berger (S-26) | 17. Jeane Rouse Preston (H-13) | 29. Bobby H. Barbee, Sr. (H-70) | 41. W. Franklin Mitchell (H-79/H-96) |
| 6. John A. Garwood (S-45/S-30) | 18. Robert Grady (H-15) | 30. Linda P. Johnson (H-83/H-74) | 42. John W. Rhodes (H-98) |
| 7. Hamilton C. Horton, Jr. (S-31) | 19. Rick Eddins (H-40) | 31. Julia Craven Howard (H-79) | 43. Constance Wilson (H-104) |
| 8. Andrew Brock (S-34) | 20. J. Russell Capps (H-50) | 32. Jerry C. Dockham (H-80) | 44. W. Edwin McMahan (H-105) |
| 9. Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (S-36) | 21. James Crawford, Jr. (H-52) | 33. Eugene Wilson (H-93/H-82) | 45. John M. Rayfield (H-108) |
| 10. Robert Pittenger (S-39) | 22. Richard T. Morgan (H-52) | 34. Phillip Frye (H-84) | 46. Debbie A. Clary (H-110) |
| 11. James Forrester (S-41/S-42) | 23. Joanne Bowie (H-57) | 35. Mitch Gillespie (H-85) | 47. Tim Moore (H-111) |
| 12. David Hoyle (S-43) | 24. John Marshall Blust (H-62) | 36. Edgar V. Starnes (H-87) | 48. Wilma Sherrill (H-116) |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Richard Vinroot (Gov.) | 11. Mark Bradick (S-16) | 21. David Robinson (H-40) | 31. Caroline Gellner (H-83) |
| 2. George W. Little (Gov.) | 12. Brian Irving (S-21) | 22. Renee McCormick (H-49) | 32. Grimes Byerly (H-88) |
| 3. Patrick Ballantine (Gov.) | 13. W.R. “Bill” Dowe (S-32) | 23. Tom Rose (H-55) | 33. Ray Henderson (H-88) |
| 4. Bill Cobey (Gov.) | 14. Brian Sisson (S-40) | 24. Jim Rumley (H-59) | 34. Mark W. Hollo (H-88) |
| 5. Fern Shubert (Gov.) | 15. James P. Testa (S-46) | 25. Jerry Rudd (H-63) | 35. Brandon Derr (H-93) |
| 6. Christopher Cole (Lt. Gov) | 16. Herbert M. Sobel (H-3) | 26. Jonathan S. Dills (H-74) | 36. Dan Hense (H-93) |
| 7. Chuck Tyson (S-2) | 17. Michael Speciale (H-3) | 27. Derrick G. Hinson, Sr. (H-74) | |
| 8. Adrain R. Arnett (S-10) | 18. Larry Cooke, Jr. (H-5) | 28. Dale Folwell (H-74) | |
| 9. Lee Griffin (S-15) | 19. Frankie Roberts (H-18) | 29. Debra Conrad-Shrader (H-74) | |
| 10. Neal Hunt (S-15) | 20. Nelson Dollar (H-36) | 30. Thomas L. (Tom) Smith (H-76) | |

In addition, the following incumbents who are running for the U.S. Congress this year have pledged to protect taxpayers:

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| 1. Virginia Foxx (S-45) | 2. Billy J. Creech (H-26) | 3. Patrick McHenry (H-109) |
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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.