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Who Will Defend North Carolina 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 doing so he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 218 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 1320 state legislators.

“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,” said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. **“I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In North Carolina, the following people have signed the Pledge:

(First district number denotes district seat for which candidate is running; second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Scott Thomas (S-2) | 13. James Forrester (S-41/S-42) | 25. Joanne Bowie (H-57) | 37. Mitch Gillespie (H-85) |
| 2. Tony Moore (S-3) | 14. David Hoyle (S-43) | 26. John Marshall Blust (H-62) | 38. Edgar V. Starnes (H-87) |
| 3. Woody White (S-9) | 15. Austin M. Allran (S-42/S-44) | 27. Cary D. Allred (H-64) | 39. Mark Hilton (H-96/H-88) |
| 4. Anthony E. Rand (S-19) | 16. Robert C. Carpenter (S-50) | 28. Nelson Cole (H-65) | 40. Karen Ray (H-95) |
| 5. Hugh Webster (S-24) | 17. Steven LaRoque (H-10) | 29. P. Wayne Sexton, Sr. (H-65/H-66) | 41. John W. Rhodes (H-98) |
| 6. Philip Berger (S-26) | 18. Louis Pate (H-11) | 30. Arlie F. Culp (H-70/H-67) | 42. W. Edwin McMahan (H-104/H-105) |
| 7. Jerry W. Tillman (S-29) | 19. Jeane Rouse Preston (H-13) | 31. Linda P. Johnson (H-83/H-74) | 43. John M. Rayfield (H-108) |
| 8. John A. Garwood (S-45/S-30) | 20. Robert Grady (H-15) | 32. Fred F. Steen (H-76) | 44. Debbie A. Clary (H-110) |
| 9. Hamilton C. Horton, Jr. (S-31) | 21. James Crawford, Jr. (H-32) | 33. Julia Craven Howard (H-79) | 45. Tim Moore (H-111) |
| 10. Andrew Brock (S-34) | 22. Rick Eddins (H-40) | 34. Jerry C. Dockham (H-80) | 46. Wilma Sherrill (H-116) |
| 11. Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (S-36) | 23. J. Russell Capps (H-41/H-50) | 35. Eugene Wilson (H-93/H-82) | |
| 12. Robert Pittenger (S-39) | 24. Richard T. Morgan (H-52) | 36. Phillip Frye (H-84) | |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Patrick Ballantine (Gov.) | 11. W.R. “Bill” Dowe (S-32) | 20. George Cleveland (H-14) | 30. Jerry Rudd (H-63) |
| 2. Christopher Cole (Lt. Gov) | 12. W. Edward Goddall, Jr. (S-35) | 21. Edward Gore (H-17) | 31. Douglas Kania (H-70) |
| 3. Ron Toppin (S-1) | 13. RL Clark (S-49) | 22. Frankie Roberts (H-18) | 32. Dale Folwell (H-74) |
| 4. Chuck Tyson (S-2) | 14. Brian Sisson (S-40) | 23. Nelson Dollar (H-36) | 33. Carl A. Miller (H-82) |
| 5. Lee Griffin (S-15) | 15. James P. Testa (S-46) | 24. H. Wade Minter (H-37) | 34. Caroline Gellner (H-83) |
| 6. Neal Hunt (S-15) | 16. Herbert M. Sobel (H-3) | 25. Ralph Reagan (H-44) | 35. Mark W. Hollo (H-88) |
| 7. Mark Bradick (S-16) | 17. Michael Speciale (H-3) | 26. Jim Jacumin (H-44) | 36. Brandon Derr (H-93) |
| 8. Brian Irving (S-21) | 18. Larry Cooke, Jr. (H-5) | 27. Renee McCormick (H-49) | 37. Mike Hager (H-112) |
| 9. Bobby R. Coffey (S-27) | 19. John Weatherington (H-12) | 28. Tom Rose (H-55) | 38. Barbara Boyd (H-115) |
| 10. Rusty Sheridan (S-27) | | 29. Jim Rumley (H-59) | 39. Robert Parker (H-115) |

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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.

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