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North Carolina: Taxpayer Friendly Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following taxpayer-friendly candidates who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for making it through the primary election on July 20. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joined 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 1290 state legislators.

In North Carolina, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed:

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

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Patrick Ballantine (Gov.) | 7. Brian Irving (S-21) | 13. Michael Speciale (H-3) | 19. Jerry Rudd (H-63) |
| 2. Christopher Cole (Lt. Gov) | 8. W.R. “Bill” Dowe (S-32) | 14. Larry Cooke, Jr. (H-5) | 20. Douglas Kania (H-70) |
| 3. Chuck Tyson (S-2) | 9. RL Clark (S-49) | 15. Nelson Dollar (H-36) | 21. Dale Folwell (H-74) |
| 4. Lee Griffin (S-15) | 10. Brian Sisson (S-40) | 16. David Robinson (H-40)* | 22. Caroline Gellner (H-83) |
| 5. Neal Hunt (S-15) | 11. James P. Testa (S-46) | 17. Renee McCormick (H-49) | 23. Mark W. Hollo (H-88) |
| 6. Mark Bradick (S-16) | 12. Herbert M. Sobel (H-3) | 18. Tom Rose (H-55) | 24. Brandon Derr (H-93) |

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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*denotes that there will be a recount to determine the winner.

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.