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## Fact of the Day #1: Three Candidates in Key Races Refuse to Make Commitment to Taxpayers

-- *Todd Specter (H-78), Alice Hatcher Henderson (H-32), and Charles Randall (H-104)  
leave door open for tax increases --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Voters in three of South Carolina’s legislative Districts get to choose between very different candidates to represent their interests in the legislature: In each district, a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is facing a candidate who has refused to make this important commitment to **“oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

- **House 32:** Incumbent Representative Doug Smith, a fiscal conservative who signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, is being challenged by **Alice Hatcher Henderson, who has refused to commit to taxpayers’ interests by signing the Pledge.**
- **House 78:** In this race, **Todd Specter has refused to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.** His opponent Joan Brady has chosen to side with the hardworking families of South Carolina and has signed the Pledge.
- **House 104:** Incumbent Pledge signer Rep. Tracy Edge is being challenged by **Charles Randall, who has refused to side with taxpayers by signing the Pledge.**

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. President George W. Bush has signed the Pledge. 42 U.S. senators and 218 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have also signed the Pledge. In signing, they join eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, and more than 1325 state legislators.

**“The tax-cutting policies of Governor Mark Sanford and the legislature during the 2004 session have brought South Carolina forward. Taxpayers deserve to know who their friends and foes are.”** said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Rep. Doug Smith, Joan Brady, and Rep. Tracy Edge are committed to the interests of South Carolina taxpayers. Alice Hatcher Henderson, Todd Specter, and Charles Randall want to leave the door wide open for future tax increases, and are willing to put taxpayers’ pocketbooks on the line.”**

*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](mailto:cbutler@atr.org).*