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Rep. Chris Cannon Wins Utah Primary

“Taxpayer Hero” Chris Cannon defeats Matt Throckmorton in Utah’s third district primary.

WASHINGTON – Taxpayers won yesterday, as Utah Republican Congressman Chris Cannon triumphed in Tuesday’s third-district primary, over challenger Matt Throckmorton.

A longtime stalwart against increased taxes, Rep. Chris Cannon is a signatory of the Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written promise from candidates and elected officials to “oppose any and all efforts to increase marginal income tax rates and any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits.” Currently, President George W. Bush, 217 members of the U.S. House, 42 Senators, nine governors, and over 1260 state lawmakers have committed to the same guarantee to taxpayers.

“The voters have once again made their message clear: no new taxes,” said taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, who heads ATR in Washington. **“Thankfully, Chris Cannon has heard his constituents and has carried through on his promise to protect hard working, tax-paying Americans. Tax raising politicians are going out of style just like the bell bottoms of the 1970s.”**

Cannon has won ATR’s “Hero of the Taxpayer” award every year since he was elected to office, and has averaged a 96% rating on ATR’s congressional scorecard, which measures the voting records of elected officials on important taxpayer issues. But Rep. Cannon was challenged in the primary not so much on the issue of taxes, but on another issue important in conservative politics and vital to taxpayers: immigration.

The challenger, Matt Throckmorton, took a hard-line anti-immigration stance in the campaign. Cannon, however, stuck to the policies of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, who embraced legal immigration – not only on economic grounds, but moral ones as well.

“America is a nation of immigrants,” continued Norquist. **“Her economy is fueled by the imagination, creativity and hard work of immigrants from all corners of the globe who come to America for opportunities they cannot find at home. Representative Cannon boldly stood by America’s immigrant population instead of giving in to the easy-way-out – the hysterical and unkind attacks that often elect politicians but hurt our nation in the long-run.”**

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.