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Who Will Defend Georgia Taxpayers? (Update)

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 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 1310 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 Georgia, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

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| 1. Eric Johnson (S-1) | 13. David Ralston (H-7) | 25. Matt Dollar (H-45/H-31) | 37. Len Walker (H-107/H-71, P1) |
| 2. Rene D. Kemp (S-1/S-3) | 14. Amos Amerson (H-9) | 26. J. Mark Burkhalter (H-50/H-36) | 38. John Lunsford (H-110/H-85, P2) |
| 3. Tommie Williams (S-19) | 15. Ben D. Bridges (H-10/H-7) | 27. Tom Rice (H-51/H-64) | 39. Bob Smith (H-113) |
| 4. Chip Rogers (S-21/H-15) | 16. E.M. Childers (H-14/H-13, P1) | 28. Bill Hembree (H-67/H-46) | 40. Barry A. Fleming (H-117/H-79) |
| 5. Don Cheeks (S-22/S-23) | 17. Jeff Lewis (H-15/H-12) | 29. Jeff Brown (H-69/H-89) | 41. Ben Harbin (H-118/H-80) |
| 6. Mitch Seabaugh (S-28) | 18. John Mark Butler (H-18, P1) | 30. John P. Yates (H-73/H-85, P1) | 42. Sue Burmeister (H-119/H-96) |
| 7. Terrell A. Starr (S-44) | 19. Carl Rogers (H-26/H-20) | 31. Fran Millar (H-79/H-52) | 43. Larry O’Neal (H-146/H-117) |
| 8. Renee S. Unterman (S-45) | 20. Calvin Hill (H-21/H-16) | 32. Jill Chambers (H-81/H-53) | 44. Ed Rynders (H-152/H-137) |
| 9. Ralph T. Hudgens (S-47) | 21. Jack Murphy (H-23/H-14, P2) | 33. Brooks Coleman (H-97/H-65) | 45. Penny Houston (H-170/139) |
| 10. Casay Cagle (S-49) | 22. James Mills (H-25/H-67, P2) | 34. Mike Coan (H-101/H-67, P1) | 46. Jerry Keen (H-179/H-146) |
| 11. Preston W. Smith (S-52) | 23. Sharon Cooper (H-41/H-30) | 35. David Casas (H-103/H-68) | |
| 12. Ronald L. Forster (H-3, P1) | 24. Bobby Franklin (H-43/H-17) | 36. Donna Sheldon (H-105) | |

CANDIDATES

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| 1. R. A. Griffin, Jr. (S-8) | 9. Bill Sanders (S-33) | 17. Joseph A. (Joe) Burton (H-41) | 25. David Corr (H-138) |
| 2. Joe R. Thomas (S-12) | 10. John J. Wiles (S-37) | 18. George W. Pope (H-68) | 26. Alan Freeman (H-140) |
| 3. Bill Bonner (S-16) | 11. Mike Crane (S-51) | 19. Billy Horne (H-71) | 27. Wilbur E. Baugh (H-141) |
| 4. Ronnie Chance (S-16) | 12. Martin Scott (H-2) | 20. J. Max Davis (H-80) | 28. Earl L. “Buddy” Carter (H-159) |
| 5. Cecil Staton (S-18) | 13. James Eddie Lumsden (H-11) | 21. Bobby Reese (H-98) | 29. John Mark Hatfield (H-177) |
| 6. Jim Whitehead (S-24) | 14. Barry Loudermilk (H-14) | 22. Mike Seigle (H-99) | |
| 7. Lester Tate (S-31) | 15. Bobby McMillan (H-15) | 23. Eric Reid (H-104) | |
| 8. Mitchell Kaye (S-32) | 16. Gina D. Carr (H-20) | 24. David L. Johnson (H-121) | |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Peg Blitch (S-7) | 5. Nathan Dean (S-31) | 9. Roger Hines (H-35) | 13. Lynn Westmoreland (H-86) |
| 2. Rooney Bowen (S-13) | 6. Charles B. Tanskley (S-32) | 10. Tom Campbell (H-39) | 14. Chuck Harper (H-88, P2) |
| 3. Mike D. Crotts (S-17) | 7. Brian Davis Joyce (H-2) | 11. Barbara J. Bunn (H-63) | |
| 4. Robert Lamutt (S-21) | 8. Warren Massey (H-24) | 12. Charles Bannister (H-70, P1) | |

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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