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Georgia: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for the Primaries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. 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 joins 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1270 state legislators.

In Georgia, these people have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Georgia and signed the Pledge: (There has been redistricting in Georgia. The first district number given denotes the district seat for which the candidate is running; the second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION AND NEW CANDIDATES (Bold font denotes incumbents)

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| 1. Eric Johnson (S-1) | 20. Glenda Whisenant (H-6) | 39. Jeff Brown (H-69/H-89) |
| 2. Rene D. Kemp (S-1/S-3) | 21. Amos Amerson (H-9) | 40. John P. Yates (H-73/H-85, P1) |
| 3. Tommie Williams (S-19) | 22. Ben D. Bridges (H-10/H-7) | 41. Fran Millar (H-79/H-52) |
| 4. Chip Rogers (S-21/H-15) | 23. E.M. Childers (H-14/H-13, P1) | 42. Jill Chambers H-81/H-53) |
| 5. Don Cheeks (S-22/S-23) | 24. Jeff Lewis (H-15/H-12) | 43. John Mark Butler (H-88, P1) |
| 6. Joey Brush (S-24) | 25. Carl Rogers (H-26/H-20) | 44. Barry A. Doublestein (H-95) |
| 7. Jim Whitehead (S-24) | 26. Charlize Byrd (H-20) | 45. Michael David Muntean (H-98) |
| 8. Mitch Seabaugh (S-28) | 27. Gina D. Carr (H-20) | 46. Mike Coan (H-101/H-67, P1) |
| 9. Bill Heath (S-31/H-18) | 28. Calvin Hill (H-21/H-16) | 47. David Casas (H-103/H-68) |
| 10. Judson Hill (S-32) | 29. James Mills (H-25/H-67, P2) | 48. Donna Sheldon (H-105) |
| 11. Mitchell Kaye (S-32) | 30. Chris Elrod (H-31/H-25) | 49. Len Walker (H-107/H-71, P1) |
| 12. Terrell A. Starr (S-44) | 31. Doug McKittrick (H-35) | 50. John Lunsford (H-110/H-85, P2) |
| 13. Renee S. Unterman (S-45) | 32. Sharon Cooper (H-41/H-30) | 51. Bob Smith (H-113) |
| 14. Ralph T. Hudgens (S-47) | 33. Bobby Franklin (H-43/H-17) | 52. Barry A. Fleming (H-117/H-79) |
| 15. Casay Cagle (S-49) | 34. Matt Dollar (H-45/H-31) | 53. Ben Harbin (H-118/H-80) |
| 16. Mike Crane (S-51) | 35. J. Mark Burkhalter (H-50/H-36) | 54. Sue Burmeister (H-119/H-96) |
| 17. Preston W. Smith (S-52) | 36. Tom Rice (H-51/H-64) | 55. Larry O’Neal (H-146/H-117) |
| 18. Ronald L. Forster (H-3, P1) | 37. Bill Hembree (H-67/H-46) | 56. Ed Rynders (H-152/H-137) |
| 19. David Ralston (H-6) | 38. George W. Pope (H-68) | 57. Jerry Keen (H-179/H-146) |

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

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| 58. Peg Blitch (S-7) | 63. Charles B. Tansley (S-32) | 68. Barbara J. Bunn (H-63) |
| 59. Rooney Bowen (S-13) | 64. Brian Davis Joyce (H-2) | 69. Charles Bannister (H-70, P1) |
| 60. Mike D. Crotts (S-17) | 65. Warren Massey (H-24) | 70. Lynn Westmoreland (H-86) |
| 61. Robert Lamutt (S-21) | 66. Roger Hines (H-35) | 71. Chuck Harper (H-88, P2) |
| 62. Nathan Dean (S-31) | 67. Tom Campbell (H-39) | |

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.