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## Center-Right Coalition Leaders Across the Nation: Heroes to All Taxpayers

*-- Leaders of Center-Right Coalition Meetings Instrumental in Fight Against Higher Taxes --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform, the nation’s leading taxpayer advocacy group, names their state center-right coalition leaders, who host regular meetings in 46 states and the District of Columbia, “Heroes of the Taxpayers”. These 54 leaders have consistently worked to keep legislators in line and to prevent raids on taxpayers’ wallets.

**“These more than fifty men and women deserve credit for their dedication to taxpayers’ interests.”** said Grover Norquist, President for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“Not only do they hold coalition meetings during which like-minded people share their concerns and success stories with each other, they also raise their voice when lawmakers seek to raise taxes on their constituents. In Kansas, Oregon, Florida, Minnesota, California, and in other states, their leadership has helped avoid or defeat unnecessary tax hikes.”**

The following men and women deserve praise for their efforts on behalf of the taxpayers of their states:

1. John Giles, Christian Coalition, AL
2. Barry Aarons, Aarons Group, AZ
3. State Senator Ray Haynes, CA
4. Ron Nehring, Senior Consultant, CA
5. George Passantino, Reason Foundation, CA
6. Jon Caldara, Independence Institute, CO
7. Lew Andrews, Yankee Institute, CT
8. Gary Schneider, TheRealityCheck.Org, CT
9. Rick Watson, Watson & Associates, FL
10. Sadie Fields, Christian Coalition, GA
11. Dick Rowland, Grassroot Institute, HI
12. Don Racheter, Public Interest Institute, IA
13. Joe Morris, Lincoln Legal Foundation, IL
14. Greg Blankenship, Illinois Policy Institute, IL
15. Curt Smith, Indiana Family Institute, IN
16. Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network, KS
17. Chris Derry, Bluegrass Institute, KY
18. Mike Smith, Beurman Miller & Fitzgerald, LA
19. Chip Faulkner, Citizens for Limited Taxation, MA
20. Richard Falknor, Maryland Taxpayers Association, MD
21. Mary Adams, Maine Tax Watch, ME
22. Rep. Jack Hoogendyk, MI
23. David Strom, Taxpayers League of Minnesota, MN
24. Steve Dickson, Dickson Alexander, MS
25. Kelly Ogletree, DCI, MO
26. Henry Kriegel, Kriegel Marketing Group, MT
27. Phil Young, The Philip M. Young Company, NE
28. John Laub, Nevada Policy Research Institute, NV
29. Charlie Arlinghaus, Josiah M. Bartlett Center for Public Policy, NH
30. Gregg Edwards, Center for Policy Research, NJ
31. Alan Ashkinaze, activist, NJ
32. Mickey Barnett, activist, NM
33. James Higgins, Kudlow & Company, NY
34. Mallory Factor, Mallory Factor, Inc., NY
35. John Dodd, Jesse Helms Center, NC
36. DeAnn Bjornson, North Dakota Policy Council, ND
37. Brandon Dutcher, activist, OK
38. Sam Staley, Buckeye Institute, OH
39. Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon, OR
40. Matthew Brouillette, Commonwealth Foundation, PA
41. Brian Bishop, Radio Talk Show Host, RI
42. Gerry Dickinson, South Carolina Policy Council, SC
43. Aaron Smith, activist, SD
44. Steve Gill, Radio Talk Show Host, TN
45. Michael Sullivan, Texas Public Policy Institute, TX
46. Gordon Jones, activist, UT
47. Anne Mc Claghry, Ethan Allen Institute, VT
48. John Taylor, Virginia Institute for Public Policy, VA
49. Bob Williams, Evergreen Freedom Foundation, WA
50. Henry Thaxton, West Virginians Against Govt. Waste, WV
51. Jackie VanMark, JVM Consulting, WY
52. Mary Buestrin, Manchester Group, WI
53. Terry Kohler, activist, WI
54. Jane Frazer, Americans for Tax Reform, Washington, DC

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