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## Media Alert:

**National and Local Taxpayer Advocates to discuss local and national implications of Virginia Tax Hike at Press Event on Tuesday**

*-- Americans for Tax Reform(ATR) to unveil "Virginia's Least Wanted" poster displaying Republican tax hikers --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform president Grover Norquist will appear with other national and local taxpayer advocates at a press conference in Richmond to discuss local and national implications of the biggest tax hike in the history of the Commonwealth.

**While Virginians have to tighten their belts to pay for the tax increase, the Warner administration is sitting on money:** The fiscal year 2004 ended with a surplus of \$323.8 million!! Even without a tax increase, the Virginia budget was estimated to increase by 11.6% over the biennium. The \$1.6 billion tax increase, will be piled on top of the year-end surplus, and the natural estimated revenue growth!

34 Republican legislators broke ranks with the Republican party of Virginia and the Republican party as a whole, which stands for lower taxes. They betrayed their constituents by voting for the tax increase, and are now "Virginia's Least Wanted".

During the press conference, ATR will unveil a poster displaying the tax hikers, which will be sent to Republicans across the nation to raise their awareness on the importance of a unified 'no-new-tax'-stance, which has become the branding of the Republican party.

**When:** Tuesday, September 14, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Where:** Bull & Bear Club, One James Center  
901 E. Cary Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA

**Who:** Grover Norquist, president, Americans for Tax Reform  
Robert Dean, communications director, Virginia Beach Taxpayer Alliance  
Paul Gessing, director of government affairs, National Taxpayers Foundation  
Peter Ferrara, president, Virginia Club for Growth  
Arthur Purves, president, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance  
John Taylor, host, Tuesday Morning Group Coalition  
David Williams, vice president, Citizens Against Government Waste

*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).*

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