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North Carolina's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates

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 North Carolina, the following people have signed the Pledge:

(First district number denotes district seat for which candidate is running; second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Scott Thomas (S-2) | 13. James Forrester (S-41/S-42) | 25. John Marshall Blust (H-62) | 37. Edgar V. Starnes (H-87) |
| 2. Tony Moore (S-3) | 14. David Hoyle (S-43) | 26. Cary D. Allred (H-64) | 38. Mark Hilton (H-96/H-88) |
| 3. Woody White (S-9) | 15. Austin M. Allran (S-42/S-44) | 27. Nelson Cole (H-65) | 39. Karen Ray (H-95) |
| 4. Anthony E. Rand (S-19) | 16. Robert C. Carpenter (S-50) | 28. P. Wayne Sexton, Sr. (H-65/H-66) | 40. John W. Rhodes (H-98) |
| 5. Hugh Webster (S-24) | 17. Steven LaRoque (H-10) | 29. Arlie F. Culp (H-70/H-67) | 41. W. Edwin McMahan (H-104/H-105) |
| 6. Philip Berger (S-26) | 18. Jeane Rouse Preston (H-13) | 30. Linda P. Johnson (H-83/H-74) | 42. John M. Rayfield (H-108) |
| 7. Jerry W. Tillman (S-29) | 19. Robert Grady (H-15) | 31. Fred F. Steen (H-76) | 43. Debbie A. Clary (H-110) |
| 8. John A. Garwood (S-45/S-30) | 20. James Crawford, Jr. (H-32) | 32. Julia Craven Howard (H-79) | 44. Tim Moore (H-111) |
| 9. Hamilton C. Horton, Jr. (S-31) | 21. Rick Eddins (H-40) | 33. Jerry C. Dockham (H-80) | 45. Wilma Sherrill (H-116) |
| 10. Andrew Brock (S-34) | 22. J. Russell Capps (H-41/H-50) | 34. Eugene Wilson (H-93/H-82) | |
| 11. Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (S-36) | 23. Richard T. Morgan (H-52) | 35. Phillip Frye (H-84) | |
| 12. Robert Pittenger (S-39) | 24. Joanne Bowie (H-57) | 36. Mitch Gillespie (H-85) | |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Christopher Cole (Lt. Gov) | 8. W.R. “Bill” Dowe (S-32) | 15. John Weatherington (H-12) | 22. Jerry Rudd (H-63) |
| 2. Chuck Tyson (S-2) | 9. RL Clark (S-49) | 16. George Cleveland (H-14) | 23. Douglas Kania (H-70) |
| 3. Lee Griffin (S-15) | 10. Brian Sisson (S-40) | 17. Nelson Dollar (H-36) | 24. Dale Folwell (H-74) |
| 4. Neal Hunt (S-15) | 11. James P. Testa (S-46) | 18. Ralph Reagan (H-44) | 25. Caroline Gellner (H-83) |
| 5. Mark Bradick (S-16) | 12. Herbert M. Sobel (H-3) | 19. Jim Jacumin (H-44) | 26. Mark W. Hollo (H-88) |
| 6. Brian Irving (S-21) | 13. Michael Speciale (H-3) | 20. Renee McCormick (H-49) | 27. Brandon Derr (H-93) |
| 7. Bobby R. Coffey (S-27) | 14. Larry Cooke, Jr. (H-5) | 21. Tom Rose (H-55) | 28. Mike Hager (H-112) |

In addition, the following incumbents who are running for the U.S. Congress this year have pledged to protect taxpayers:

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| 1. Virginia Foxx (S-45) | 2. Billy J. Creech (H-26) | 3. Patrick McHenry (H-109) |
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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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