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Who Will Defend North Carolina Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following 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, eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1270 state legislators.

In North Carolina, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers and signed the Pledge: (There has been redistricting in North Carolina. Where two district numbers are given, the first denotes the district seat for which the candidate is running; the second denotes the current seat)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Scott Thomas (S-2) | 13. Austin M. Allran (S-42/S-44) | 25. Cary D. Allred (H-64) | 37. Mark Hilton (H-96/H-88) |
| 2. Woody White (S-9) | 14. Robert C. Carpenter (S-50) | 26. Nelson Cole (H-65) | 38. Rex L. Baker (H-91) |
| 3. Anthony E. Rand (S-19) | 15. Michael A. Gorman (H-3) | 27. P. Wayne Sexton, Sr. (H-66) | 39. Michael P. Decker, Sr. (H-73/H-94) |
| 4. Hugh Webster (S-24) | 16. Steven LaRoque (H-10) | 28. Arlie F. Culp (H-67) | 40. Karen Ray (H-95) |
| 5. Philip Berger (S-26) | 17. Jeane Rouse Preston (H-13) | 29. Bobby H. Barbee, Sr. (H-70) | 41. W. Franklin Mitchell (H-79/H-96) |
| 6. John A. Garwood (S-45/S-30) | 18. Robert Grady (H-15) | 30. Linda P. Johnson (H-83/H-74) | 42. John W. Rhodes (H-98) |
| 7. Hamilton C. Horton, Jr. (S-31) | 19. Rick Eddins (H-40) | 31. Julia Craven Howard (H-79) | 43. Constance Wilson (H-104) |
| 8. Andrew Brock (S-34) | 20. J. Russell Capps (H-50) | 32. Jerry C. Dockham (H-80) | 44. W. Edwin McMahan (H-105) |
| 9. Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (S-36) | 21. James Crawford, Jr. (H-52) | 33. Eugene Wilson (H-93/H-82) | 45. John M. Rayfield (H-108) |
| 10. Robert Pittenger (S-39) | 22. Richard T. Morgan (H-52) | 34. Phillip Frye (H-84) | 46. Debbie A. Clary (H-110) |
| 11. James Forrester (S-41/S-42) | 23. Joanne Bowie (H-57) | 35. Mitch Gillespie (H-85) | 47. Tim Moore (H-111) |
| 12. David Hoyle (S-43) | 24. John Marshall Blust (H-62) | 36. Edgar V. Starnes (H-87) | 48. Wilma Sherrill (H-116) |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Richard Vinroot (Gov.) | 9. W.R. “Bill” Dowe (S-32) | 17. Renee McCormick (H-49) | 25. Grimes Byerly (H-88) |
| 2. George W. Little (Gov.) | 10. Brian Sisson (S-40) | 18. Tom Rose (H-55) | 26. Ray Henderson (H-88) |
| 3. Christopher Cole (Lt. Gov) | 11. James P. Testa (S-46) | 19. Jerry Rudd (H-63) | 27. Mark W. Hollo (H-88) |
| 4. Chuck Tyson (S-2) | 12. Herbert M. Sobel (H-3) | 20. Jonathan S. Dills (H-74) | 28. Brandon Derr (H-93) |
| 5. Adrain R. Arnett (S-10) | 13. Larry Cooke, Jr. (H-5) | 21. Derrick G. Hinson, Sr. (H-74) | 29. Dan Hense (H-93) |
| 6. Neal Hunt (S-15) | 14. Frankie Roberts (H-18) | 22. Dale Folwell (H-74) | |
| 7. Mark Bradick (S-16) | 15. Nelson Dollar (H-36) | 23. Debra Conrad-Shrader (H-74) | |
| 8. Brian Irving (S-21) | 16. David Robinson (H-40) | 24. Thomas L. (Tom) Smith (H-76) | |

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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.