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Taxpayers Win in South Carolina's House District 78 Runoff

-- Voters make a clear statement: Principles matter! --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a fierce Republican runoff battle to represent South Carolina's House District 78, pro-taxpayer candidate Joan Brady won over Susan Brill, who had refused to make a clear commitment to taxpayers. While Joan Brady is a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to "oppose and vote against any and all tax increases", Susan Brill declined to pledge to protect taxpayers.

Her refusal to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge was interpreted as a sign of open-mindedness by *The State*, South Carolina's liberal leaning daily newspaper. The paper clearly endorsed Brill over Brady, fearing that "Ms. Brady might fall into the trap of letting others do her thinking" because she signed the Pledge. *The State* held that "By contrast, Ms. Brill's actions both in office and in this campaign suggest she would be an independent representative of her community, refusing to follow marching orders from House leaders."

"The taxpayers of House District 78 made it clear: For them, principles do matter, they would rather have someone represent them who makes decisions based on principles, and reject the notion of leaving all options open." said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **"With Joan Brady, taxpayers win. She has ruled out raids on taxpayers' wallets."**

Joan Brady, the former mayor of Arcadia Lakes, will face Democrat Todd Specter in the November elections.

"Susan Brill's position was non-committal. By refusing to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, she left the door open for tax increases." Norquist continued. **"With Joan Brady, voters knew what they would get – someone who will stand up for taxpayers' interests."**

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