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An Open Door For Tax Increases?

--Would Susan Brill hike your taxes? --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Unlike her opponent Joan Brady, Republican candidate Susan Brill, running for the 78th House district seat in South Carolina in Tuesday's runoff election, refuses to commit herself to taxpayers' interests. She has declined all offers to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to taxpayers to 'oppose and vote against any and all tax increases.

This invites questions:

Would she work to impede the Governor and Pledge signers to pass a budget which does not raid your wallets had she been in the legislature, as they have done this year?

Would Susan Brill vote to raise your income taxes?

Would Susan Brill vote to raise your tax on groceries?

Would Susan Brill vote to raise your taxes on gasoline?

She may not, but you cannot be sure. She has not made a statement of principle by signing the Pledge and demonstrating to taxpayers that she is committed to their interests.

Aside from Governor Sanford, U.S. Representatives Henry Brown, Joe Wilson, J. Gresham Barrett, Jim DeMint, and U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, as well as a number of candidates for both state and federal office, the following South Carolina state legislators have signed the Pledge:

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| 1. Robert Waldrep (S-3) | 18. Brian White (H-6) | 35. Lanny Littlejohn (H-33) | 52. Chip Huggins (H-85) |
| 2. Michael Fair (S-6) | 19. Ronald P. Townsend (H-7) | 36. Phillip Sinclair (H-35) | 53. Larry L. Koon (H-87) |
| 3. David Thomas (S-8) | 20. Becky Martin (H-8) | 37. Ralph Davenport (H-37) | 54. Kenneth A. Bingham (H-89) |
| 4. Daniel B. Verdin (S-9) | 21. Michael Thompson (H-9) | 38. Robert Walker (H-38) | 55. Thomas Rhoad (90) |
| 5. John Hawkins (S-12) | 22. Daniel T. Cooper (H-10) | 39. Marion Frye (H-39) | 56. Shirley Hinson (H-92) |
| 6. Harvey Peeler (S-14) | 23. Harry Stille (H-11) | 40. Gary Simrill (H-46) | 57. Converse Chellis, III (H-94) |
| 7. John Courson (S-20) | 24. J. Adam Taylor (H-16) | 41. Herb Kirsh (H-47) | 58. George H. Bailey (H-97) |
| 8. Warren K. Giese (S-22) | 25. Harry Cato (H-17) | 42. Becky Meacham-Richardson (H-48) | 59. Annette Young (H-98) |
| 9. Jake Knotts (S-23) | 26. Dwight Loftis (H-19) | 43. James McGee, III (H-63) | 60. James H. Merrill (H-99) |
| 10. Greg Ryberg (S-24) | 27. Glenn Hamilton (H-20) | 44. Jay Lucas (H-65) | 61. Tracy Edge (H-104) |
| 11. Nikki G. Setzler (S-26) | 28. Bob Leach (H-21) | 45. Thad Viers (H-68) | 62. W.D. Witherspoon (H-105) |
| 12. Dick Elliott (S-28) | 29. Gloria Haskins (H-22) | 46. Richard M. Quinn, Jr. (H-71) | 63. Wallace Scarborough (H-115) |
| 13. John Yancey McGill (S-32) | 30. David Wilkins (H-24) | 47. Joe E. Brown (H-73) | 64. John Graham Altman, III (H-119) |
| 14. Larry Grooms (S-37) | 31. Rex Fontaine Rice (H-26) | 48. James Harrison (H-75) | 65. Bill Bowers (H-120) |
| 15. William C. Mescher (S-44) | 32. Garry R. Smith (H-27) | 49. Bill Cotty (H-79) | 66. Jo Anne Gilham (H-123) |
| 16. William E. Sandifer, III (H-2) | 33. Dan Tripp (H-28) | 50. Jimmy Bales (H-80) | |
| 17. Teddy Trotter (H-4) | 34. Doug Smith (H-32) | 51. J. Roland Smith (H-84) | |

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