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## Rep. W. Smith Leads South Carolina in Calling on Congress to Make Federal Tax Cuts Permanent

*State legislators urge congressional action.*

WASHINGTON— Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), the nation's leading taxpayer advocacy group, praised South Carolina Representative W. Douglas Smith (R-32) for his aggressiveness in protecting American taxpayers. In introducing a resolution urging Congress to permanently extend the successful federal tax cuts, Rep. W. Douglas Smith is using the power of South Carolina's influence to shape congressional debate.

ATR's State Legislative Advisory Project was launched in 2001 in an effort to help give state legislators a louder voice in federal policymaking. In the project's first year, twenty-seven states passed resolutions urging their congressional delegations to support the Economic Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act. As of May, 2004, state legislators have already introduced 160 different resolutions in 40 legislative bodies in 27 states.

Taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, president of ATR, praised Rep. W. Douglas Smith's efforts. **"Americans for Tax Reform applauds Rep. W. Douglas Smith for strengthening the voices of state legislators working to bring critical issues to the forefront of congressional debate. State legislators are intimately involved with their districts and their constituents. They should not shy away from offering valuable insight into the federal lawmaking process. Taxpayers in South Carolina are lucky to have a leader like Rep. W. Douglas Smith who is willing to lead the legislature in just such a direction."**

Rep. W. Douglas Smith's resolution shows South Carolina's congressional delegates that their constituents expect action to protect the tax cuts. Taxpayers in South Carolina favor President Bush's plan that cuts taxes for every taxpayer that pays income taxes, eliminated the marriage penalty, increased the child tax credit and provided small businesses with incentives to expand.

**"We solidly support the efforts of the state legislators who have passed these resolutions,"** said Norquist. **"It is the local leaders in the individual states that most closely represent the will of the people, and it is up to them to hold Congress accountable to the taxpaying citizens they represent."**

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or at [jcollegio@atr.org](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).