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Who Will Defend South Carolina Taxpayers?

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 1290 state legislators.

In South Carolina, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Dale C. Phillips (S-10) | 3. Bob Gibbons (S-36) | 5. Joan Brady (H-78) |
| 2. Katherine M. Jenerette (S-28) | 4. Garry R. Smith (H-27) | 6. Richard Bolen (H-87) |

In addition, the following incumbents who are not running again have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Robert Waldrep (S-3) | 3. Becky Meacham-Richardson (H-48) |
| 2. Harry Stille (H-11) | 4. Jo Ann Gilham (H-12) |

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.