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South Carolina's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates

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 1310 state legislators.

“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,” said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **“I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In South Carolina, the following people 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. John J. “Bubber” Snow, Jr. (H-103) |
| 9. Nikki G. Setzler (S-26) | 24. Bob Leach (H-21) | 39. Jay Lucas (H-65) | 54. Tracy Edge (H-104) |
| 10. Dick Elliott (S-28) | 25. Gloria Haskins (H-22) | 40. Thad Viers (H-68) | 55. W.D. Witherspoon (H-105) |
| 11. John Yancey McGill (S-32) | 26. David Wilkins (H-24) | 41. James Harrison (H-75) | 56. Wallace Scarborough (H-115) |
| 12. Larry Grooms (S-37) | 27. Rex Fountaine Rice (H-26) | 42. Bill Cotty (H-79) | 57. Johan Graham Altman, III (H-119) |
| 13. William C. Mescher (S-44) | 28. Garry R. Smith (H-27) | 43. Jimmy Bales (H-80) | 58. Bill Bowers (H-120) |
| 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. 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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.

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