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## South Carolina: These Primary Candidates Have Pledged to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 216 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1260 state legislators.

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

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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

### NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Ron Wilson (S-3)      | 3. Dale C. Phillips (S-10) | 5. Garry R. Smith (H-27) |
| 2. Kevin L. Bryant (S-3) | 4. Bob Gibbons (S-36)      | 6. Joan Brady (H-78)     |

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](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).*