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## **Chris Craddock Signs No-New-Taxes Pledge**

**-- Candidate for Virginia House in '05 Pledges to Oppose Tax Increases --**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of candidate Chris Craddock. He is running for the 67<sup>th</sup> House seat in Virginia. The seat is currently held by tax hiker Gary A. Reese, who voted for the biggest tax increase in the history of the commonwealth.

Mr. Craddock demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of Virginia by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on September 6, 2004. By signing the pledge, he promises “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

As of today’s date, over 1300 state legislators have signed the Pledge. Eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, 217 U.S. representatives, 42 U.S. senators, and President George W. Bush have also signed the Pledge.

“The taxpayers of Virginia did not deserve the unnecessary tax hike, which Del. Reese supported. By signing the Pledge, Mr. Craddock has put his commitment not to raise taxes on Virginians in writing, and joins numerous lawmakers and candidates at the state and federal levels who have committed themselves to principles of limited government,” commented Grover Norquist, President of ATR.

“I applaud Mr. Craddock for his commitment to the taxpayers of the 67<sup>th</sup> House district and all of the taxpayers of Virginia. I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. To obtain a copy of the Pledge, or to learn more about it, please visit [www.ATR.org](http://www.ATR.org) or call Paul Proski or Sandra Fabry at (202) 785-0266.

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

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