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INTERVIEW ALERT:

Big Spenders in West Virginia Meet Their Match

Historically, West Virginia has been a solidly Democratic state and a haven for tax and spend lawmakers. Those who stood up for taxpayers and fiscal responsibility found themselves without a home. However, the times are changing:

- President Bush won West Virginia in 2000
- The 2004 election has fielded numerous candidates committed to fighting higher taxes, including Republican gubernatorial candidate Monty Warner

“This new wave of fiscal leadership is long overdue. Lawmakers have burdened West Virginians with their spending sprees for too long,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“The people of West Virginia now have a choice of leaders they can depend on to keep the government out of their pockets.”**

The following candidates signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge (**incumbents in bold**). By signing the Pledge, a candidate pledges to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

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| 1. Monroe "Monty" Warner (Gov.) | 27. Kelli Sobonya (H-16) | 52. Alan R. Balogh (H-37) |
| 2. Simon McLure (Gov.) | 28. Matt Sabin (H-16) | 53. Jerome E. Heinemann (H-37) |
| 3. Lisa Thornburg (Audit.) | 29. Joan V. Linville (H-18) | 54. Jim Thompson (H-36) |
| 4. Andrew B. Yost (Comm. of Agr.) | 30. Dave Litz (H-19) | 55. Mulvie W. Grimes (H-37) |
| 5. Russ Snyder (S-2) | 31. Jim Mullins (H-19) | 56. Bruce Haddix (H-37) |
| 6. Karen Facemyer (S-4) | 32. William E. Williams (H-19) | 57. Doug Stalnaker (H-38) |
| 7. Jack E. Fincham (S-9) | 33. Diane Shafer (H-20) | 58. Derrick W. Love (H-38) |
| 8. Robert C. 'Bob' Johnson (S-11) | 34. Shawn R. Spears (H-22) | 59. William Robert Wright (H-40) |
| 9. Stephen L. Weaver (S-12) | 35. Mike Lushbaugh (H-23) | 60. Brooks (CB) Sharp (H-41) |
| 10. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 36. Douglas C. Quesinberry (H-24) | 61. Lamont "Mutt" Proctor (H-41) |
| 11. David C. Sypolt (S-14) | 37. Thomas (Mike) Porter (H-27) | 62. James L. Scudere (H-41) |
| 12. Michael Ross (S-15) | 38. Arnold W. Ryan (H-27) | 63. Thomas F. Smith (H-43) |
| 13. Clark S. Barnes (S-15) | 39. Charles H. Carpenter (H-27) | 64. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 14. Rusty Webb (S-17) | 40. Ron Hedrick (H-27) | 65. W. Kent Pauley (H-44) |
| 15. Roger D. Madden (H-1) | 41. Linda Sumner (H-27) | 66. Larry A. Williams (H-45) |
| 16. Robert 'Les' McNinch (H-2) | 42. Charlie Friedman (H-28) | 67. Deborah R. Stevens (H-46) |
| 17. Cody Lucey (H-4) | 43. Wandaleen Kincaid-Schallen (H-29) | 68. Allen V. Evans (H-48) |
| 18. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5) | 44. Tom Louisos (H-29) | 69. Robert A. Schadler (H-49) |
| 19. Otis Leggett (H-7) | 45. Ann Calvert (H-30) | 70. Ruth Rowan (H-50) |
| 20. Larry Border (H-9) | 46. Charles Minimah (H-31) | 71. Victor A. Roberts, Jr. (H-53) |
| 21. Mitch B. Carmichael (H-12) | 47. Charles McKown (H-33) | 72. John Overington (H-55) |
| 22. Corbon Siders (H-12) | 48. Tim Armstead (H-32) | 73. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |
| 23. Jack R. McLane (H-13) | 49. Ronald N. Walters (H-32) | |
| 24. Christopher Troy Wood (H-13) | 50. William Salomon (H-35) | |
| 25. Paula L. Stewart (H-15) | 51. Sam J. Argento (H-35) | |
| 26. Dennis Barry (H-15) | | |

Harvard-educated and street-smartened by years as a Washington insider, Norquist is your show's ultimate guest to discuss taxes and elections. His bio can be found at <http://www.ATR.org/staff>. You can find more information about his organization Americans for Tax Reform at www.ATR.org.

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who support tax simplification and oppose all federal and state 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.