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AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM RELEASES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TAX POSITION MATRIX

*Handy one-page reference allows taxpayers to see at a glance what tax policies
Presidential candidates are running on*

WASHINGTON, DC – Americans for Tax Reform today released a “Presidential Candidate Tax Matrix” that shows all taxpayers the positions that candidates have taken on the tax issue.

“When taxpayers go into the voting booth to decide who the best pro-taxpayer candidate is, this guide will save time and energy,” said ATR President Grover Norquist.

The Presidential Tax Matrix tells voters whether the various candidates have indicated in writing that they affirmatively support each pro-growth tax policy. The categories are:

Taxpayer Protection Pledge: Has the candidate pledged—in writing—to oppose and veto income tax hikes?

Bush Income and Investment Tax Cuts Permanent: Has the candidate supported permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts on ordinary income and capital gains/dividends?

Permanent Death Tax Repeal: Has the candidate committed to fully killing the death tax?

Repeal the AMT: Has the candidate called for the full repeal of the alternative minimum tax?

Alternative System: Has the candidate called for an alternate system taxpayers could opt into?

New Capital Gains Tax Cut: Has the candidate called for a fresh cut in the capital gains rate?

Corporate Income Tax Rate Cut: Has the candidate called for a cut in the corporate income tax rate?

Tax-Free Savings Accounts: Has the candidate called for simplifying, consolidating, and expanding tax-free savings account opportunities?

Full Business Expensing: Has the candidate advocated replacing long depreciation lives with immediate expensing for business asset purchases?

Territoriality: Has the candidate called for the U.S. to conform to the rest of the world in seeking to only tax that income earned within our territorial borders?

Health Care Tax Reform: Has the candidate put forward a comprehensive reform of the way the tax code treats health care spending?

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