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Advocates of Florida Spending Transparency Hold Press Conference

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) President Grover Norquist, together with Rep. Gayle Harrell (R-Port St. Lucie) and Sen. Rhonda Storms (R-Brandon), held a press conference to champion greater transparency in state and local government spending.

The legislative effort to expand transparency into the Sunshine State's finances is being led by Rep. Harrell (HB 181) and Sen. Storms (SB 392). "This legislation gives taxpayers the ability to know exactly how state and local governments are spending their money. It's just that simple," said Rep. Harrell.

The current House and Senate legislation will become more comprehensive to ensure that all state spending information is accessible and searchable in a single website.

"This legislation increasing transparency in government spending has passed in a number of different states and is a growing trend in America," added ATR's Norquist.

Sen. Mike Haridopolos (R-Indialantic) chairman of the Senate Taxpayer Protection Caucus, also supports the effort to empower taxpayers.

To learn more about the Florida legislation or to access a comprehensive memo on federal, state, and local efforts to bring greater transparency to government spending, visit www.atr.org

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

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