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Grass Roots Reaching Out to Virginia Budget Conferees

Americans for Tax Reform launches phone-based educational campaign.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Gov. Mark Warner (D) and the GOP-led Senate to push for a massive tax increase on the working families of Virginia. The budget is now in the hands of a House-Senate conference committee, where the five House conferees seem determined to reject the Senate’s tax proposals.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), the nation’s leading taxpayer advocacy group, has taken the lead to support these anti-tax conferees. Beginning today, ATR will call every household in the districts of Del. Vince Callahan (R-Fairfax), Del. Lacey Putney (I-Bedford), Del. Johnny Joannou (D-Portsmouth), and Del. Phil Hamilton (R-James City) – **about 80,000 households**.

“The House conferees are fighting the good fight, trying to kill the Senate’s tax increases,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“They are on the side of the people of Virginia, and they need to know that the people of Virginia are on their side as well.”**

The calls inform the constituents of the four delegates that their representative is a “leader in the battle against raising your taxes,” and ask “Can he count on your support and encouragement to fight any new taxes in Virginia?” The voter is then asked to call his representative and express his support. A few weeks ago, ATR ran a similar phone campaign into 450,000 households informing voters of votes in favor of tax increases. Thousands of calls to senators and delegates were generated.

“Conferees may come under enormous pressure to compromise their principles and raise taxes,” continued Norquist. **“They need to hear from the people to resist that pressure and stay true to their convictions. Americans for Tax Reform is happy to help.”**

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.