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Virginia Signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge

- These candidates have pledged to protect Virginia's taxpayers -

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) asks all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

Pledge signers are in good company: President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 46 U.S. Senators, 222 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, seven Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, one Attorney General, four Secretaries of State, three Treasurers, and more than 1240 state legislators.

“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,” said **Grover Norquist, president of ATR**. “I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.” In Virginia, all House of Delegates seats are up this year. The following legislators and candidates have signed the Pledge:

Candidates:

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| 1. George Fitch (Gov.) | 4. Mark Jarvis (H-30) | 7. Chris Craddock (H-67) |
| 2. Gilbert K. Davis (Lt. Gov) | 5. Christopher Oprison (H-33) | 8. Charles Eby (H-67) |
| 3. Bill Bolling (Lt. Gov.) | 6. Scott McPherson (H-37) | 9. Michael Golden (H-41) |

Incumbents:

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| 1. Bill Bolling (S-4) | 15. Kathy Byron (H-22) | 29. Tommy Wright (H-61) |
| 2. Stephen H. Martin (S-11) | 16. L. Preston Bryant, Jr. (H-23) | 30. R. Lee Ware, Jr. (H-65) |
| 3. Frank M. Ruff (S-15) | 17. Ben Cline (H-24) | 31. M. Kirkland Cox (H-66) |
| 4. W. Roscoe Reynolds (S-20) | 18. R. Steven Landes (H-25) | 32. Brad Marrs (H-68) |
| 5. Steve Newman (S-23) | 19. Glenn Weatherholtz (H-26) | 33. John S. Reid (H-72) |
| 6. Mark Obenshain (S-26) | 20. Samuel A. Nixon, Jr. (H-27) | 34. Terrie L. Suit (H-81) |
| 7. H. Russell Potts, Jr. (S-27) | 21. Scott Lingamfelter (H-31) | 35. Leo C. Wardrup, Jr. (H-83) |
| 8. Ken Cuccinelli (S-37) | 22. Dick Black (H-32) | 36. Robert F. McDonnell (H-84) |
| 9. Jay O'Brien (S-39) | 23. Vincent F. Callahan, Jr. (H-34) | 37. Mark Cole (H-88) |
| 10. Allen Dudley (H-9) | 24. Tim Hugo (H-40) | 38. Thomas Gear (H-91) |
| 11. Robert G. Marshall (H-13) | 25. David Albo (H-42) | 39. Melanie L. Rapp (H-96) |
| 12. Allen Louderback (H-15) | 26. Jeff Frederick (H-52) | 40. Harvey B. Morgan (H-98) |
| 13. Chris Saxman (H-20) | 27. Frank D. Hargrove, Sr. (H-55) | |
| 14. John J. Welch III (H-21) | 28. Bill Janis (H-56) | |

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or at cbutler@atr.org.