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Representative Steve Scalise to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in Louisiana

State Representative Steve Scalise to take the lead in protecting taxpayers' interests

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), America's leading taxpayer advocacy organization, announced that Representative Steve Scalise will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chair in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

To join the caucus, legislators must sign and keep the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which is a written commitment to their constituents to "oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes." Every state (with the exception of Nebraska) will have both a Senate and House Taxpayer Protection Caucus, consisting of all pledge signers in the legislature. Currently, there are 26 Louisiana Pledge signers, 4 in the Senate, and 22 in the House.

"Louisiana taxpayers are looking forward to seeing their position strengthened through the new caucus that will represent their interests," said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **"Under Representative Scalise's leadership, the new House Taxpayer Protection Caucus will fight for Louisiana families and businesses to keep more of their hard earned money."**

The Taxpayer Protection Caucuses provide a single voice on tax issues among pro-taxpayer legislators, and form entire bodies of legislators that believe in the same principle: No new taxes. Considering the budget battles states are facing across the country, taxes continue to be very high on the radar screen of the media. Journalists will be able to go to the chair of the caucus for comments on tax issues.

"Protecting taxpayers should be the first priority of any legislator elected to a state legislature," Norquist continued. **"Representative Scalise understands this important notion, and this is why he chooses to take the lead in an effort to protect Louisiana taxpayers' wallets."**

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.