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Rep. Mike Lott and Sen. Alan Nunnelee to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucuses in Mississippi

*-- State Rep. Mike Lott and Sen. Alan Nunnelee to take the lead in protecting
Mississippi taxpayers' interests --*

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), America's leading taxpayer advocacy organization, announced that Representative Mike Lott and Senator Alan Nunnelee will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chairs in their respective chamber in the Mississippi State Legislature.

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 33 Mississippi Pledge signers, 8 in the Senate, and 25 in the House.

"Mississippi taxpayers are looking forward to seeing their position strengthened through the new caucuses that will represent their interests." said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **"Under Representative Lott's and Senator Nunnelee's leadership, the new Taxpayer Protection Caucuses will fight for Mississippi 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 nation, taxes continue to be very high on the radar screen of the media. Journalists will be able to go to the chair of the respective caucus for comments on tax issues.

"Protecting taxpayers should be the first priority of any legislator elected to a state legislature," Norquist continued. **"Representative Lott and Senator Nunnelee understand this important notion, and this is why they choose to take the lead in an effort to protect Mississippi 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.