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## Delegate John Overington to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in West Virginia

*State Delegate John Overington to take the lead in protecting taxpayers' interests*

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), America's leading taxpayer advocacy organization, announced that Delegate John Overington will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chair in the West Virginia House of Delegates.

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 West Virginia Pledge signers, 5 in the Senate, and 21 in the House of Delegates.

**"West Virginia 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 Delegate Overington's leadership, the new House of Delegates Taxpayer Protection Caucus will fight for West Virginia 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 this year, 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. **"Delegate Overington understands this important notion, and this is why he chooses to take the lead in an effort to protect West Virginia 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](mailto:cbutler@atr.org).