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## Representative Jim DeCesare to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in Kentucky

*State Representative Jim DeCesare to take the lead in protecting taxpayers' interests*

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), America's leading taxpayer advocacy organization, announced that Representative Jim DeCesare (R-Bowling Green) will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chair in the Kentucky State 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 unicameral Nebraska) will have both a Senate and House Taxpayer Protection Caucus, consisting of all pledge signers in the legislature. Currently, there are 48 Kentucky Pledge signers, 16 in the Senate, and 32 in the House.

**"Kentucky taxpayers are looking forward to seeing their voice strengthened through the new House Taxpayer Protection Caucus,"** said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **"Under Representative DeCesare's leadership, the House Taxpayer Protection Caucus will work and fight for Kentucky families and businesses who deserve 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 voters and 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 anyone elected to the state legislature,"** Norquist continued. **"Representative DeCesare understands this important notion, and this is why he chooses to take the lead in an effort to protect Kentucky 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 John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).

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