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The original release contained inaccurate county information for Representative Nieves.

Representative Brian D. Nieves to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in Missouri

State Representative Brian Nieves to take the lead in protecting taxpayers' interests

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) announced that Representative Brian Nieves (R-Franklin County) will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chair in the Missouri 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 33 Missouri state Pledge signers, 4 in the Senate, and 29 in the House.

"Missouri taxpayers are looking forward to seeing their voice strengthened through the new House Taxpayer Protection Caucus," said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **"Under Representative Nieves' leadership, the House Taxpayer Protection Caucus will work and fight for Missouri 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 Nieves understands this important notion, and this is why he chooses to take the lead in an effort to protect Missouri 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.

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