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Joe McLaughlin (R-NC) signs the Taxpayer Protection Pledge *Congressional candidate signs taxpayer protection pledge*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Joe McLaughlin, a Republican running against incumbent Walter Jones (R-NC) for North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District seat, recently signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). The Pledge commits signers to "oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses . . . and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates."

ATR has offered the Pledge to all candidates for federal office since 1987. To date, President George W. Bush, 42 U.S. senators, and 196 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have signed the Pledge. Additionally, seven Governors and over 1,200 state legislators have signed the Pledge as well.

"Americans are looking for candidates committed to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth economic policies," said Grover Norquist, president of ATR.

"By signing the Pledge, Joe McLaughlin demonstrates that he possesses the qualities hard-working taxpayers nationwide are so desperate to find in their candidates. I applaud him for his leadership and dedication to the ideals of limited government."

"I strongly encourage every candidate for federal and state elective office to sign the Pledge," Norquist continued.

Copies of the Pledge are available at www.atr.org or by calling (202) 785-0266.

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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