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Gary George to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in Oregon Senate

State Senator Gary George to take the lead in protecting taxpayers' interests

WASHINGTON - Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) announced that State Senator Gary George (R-Newberg) will become the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chair in the Oregon state senate.

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, Oregon taxpayers are represented by nine Pledge signers, four in the senate and five in the house.

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