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## Enjoy Your Commute: 'Virginia's Least Wanted' Are Riding With You

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WASHINGTON - Americans for Tax Reform is pleased to announce that the "Virginia's Least Wanted" poster, featuring the 35 Republican state legislators who voted at least once for the biggest tax increase in the history of the Commonwealth last year, is on display in sixty Metro train cars and at ten Metro/VRE stations in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The poster was put together last year after these 35 state legislators broke with the official Republican Party position, which was "no-new-taxes", and joined Governor Warner (D) in passing a \$1.6 billion tax increase. Taxpayers, who did not get a say last year when the tax increase was passed, will have the opportunity to register their opinion of the tax hikers at the polls. Six of the 19 tax-hiking delegates featured on the poster are facing primary challenges on June 14. In addition, Delegate James H. Dillard, II, facing strong opposition, decided to retire rather than face re-election.

**"The public has a right to know who voted to raise their taxes,"** said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **"It is crucial to get the word out, because suddenly, after all the talk about how popular the tax increase was, and how popular tax increases in general are, many of those who voted for the tax increase are quiet about their vote."**

The posters are featured on the blue and orange line trains going into and out of Virginia, as well as at the following stations: Ballston, Courthouse, East Falls Church, Farragut West, Huntington, King Street, Rosslyn, Van Dorn Street, Burke Center (VRE), Leeland Road (VRE)

**"Taxpayers got soaked last year. Governor Warner and his tax-and-spend entourage painted doomsday scenarios of how the world would end if taxes were not raised - far from true, as we found out after the tax hike passed. The fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$323.8 million – a surplus that has now reached more than \$1.2 billion."** Norquist continued. **"With the poster, we are only helping to educate the public about what really happened."**

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).