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Del. Vanderhye Carries Tax Increases in her “Basket of Options”

*Barbara Comstock is the only candidate in the race to sign
the Taxpayer Protection Pledge*

WASHINGTON, DC – Barbara Comstock is the only candidate running in the 34th House of Delegates district to have signed the *Taxpayer Protection Pledge*, committing to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.” She is running against Democratic incumbent Del. Margaret Vanderhye.

Recently on the The Kojo Nnamdi Show, on WAMU 88.5, Del. Vanderhye was asked about whether she would stand with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sen. Creigh Deeds in his support of tax increases. Part of her answer included talking about a “basket of options”, of which tax increases are an option. To listen to the radio interview in which she expresses her support of tax increases, go to: <http://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2009-10-28/race-richmond-virginias-34th-district>

“Another term of Del. Vanderhye would be detrimental to the taxpayers of the 34th House of Delegates district,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Virginians are trying to make a living and live within their means, but Del. Vanderhye is determined to raise taxes to take more of their money. Tax increases would only deter economic growth.”**

In Del. Vanderhye’s 2008 “Transportation Session Wrap Up,” she comes out in support of over \$4 billion in tax hikes. To see her memo on the 2008 transportation session and her support for tax increases, go to:
http://www.atr.org/userfiles/BTG_TRANSPORTATION_SESSION_WRAP_UP.pdf

“Del. Vanderhye talks about transportation and education being priorities. If they are priorities, she should find revenue from other areas of the budget that are not ‘priorities’ to find money. Every day Virginians have to figure out how they are going to prioritize their budgets, Del. Vanderhye should have to do the same with the tax dollars that she is responsible for.”

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org.

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