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Chuck DeVore to Chair Taxpayer Protection Caucus in California State Assembly

Washington, D.C. – Today, Americans for Tax Reform announced that Assemblyman Chuck DeVore (R - Irvine) will chair the Taxpayer Protection Caucus in the California State Assembly. Assemblyman DeVore currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, as well as the Budget and Veterans Affairs Committees.

To join the caucus, legislators must be signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which is a written commitment to their constituents and state residents to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.” With the addition of Assemblyman DeVore in California, there are now 37 Taxpayer Protection Caucuses in 29 states. Every state (with the exception of unicameral Nebraska) will soon have both a Senate and House caucus consisting of all pledge signers in the legislature.

“Throughout the budget impasse, Chuck DeVore proved himself to be the leading advocate and voice for taxpayers,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “Under Chuck DeVore, the caucus will fight for California 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 added. “Chuck DeVore understands this important notion and this is why he chose to take the lead in the effort to protect California taxpayers’ wallets.”

*Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases.
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