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**Georgia 'No New Taxes Rally' To Call For Rejection of State Tax Hikes**

**- Americans for Prosperity Leads Activists At Capitol -**

ATLANTA – Taxpayers in Georgia are preparing to fight back against legislation pending in the General Assembly (HB 385, 386 and 387) that calls for a net tax increase on Georgians and an elimination of certain tax credits and exemptions. The legislation comes at a time when businesses, individual taxpayers and the economy are suffering through a prolonged recession. Taxpayers around the State will gather on Wednesday, March 16 at 11am for a “No New Taxes Rally” on the steps of the State Capitol. The rally will focus on the negative economic impact of the proposed tax legislation on consumers, taxpayers and educational opportunity in Georgia.

The rally will feature elected representatives, organizational policy leaders, small business owners and taxpaying citizens and is sponsored by Americans for Prosperity, Center for an Educated Georgia and several Tea Party groups.

Rally organizer and Americans for Prosperity State Director Virginia Galloway shares, “Georgia citizens have no idea what may be about to hit them with legislation that calls for new or higher taxes on tobacco, gasoline, cable, private car sales and other goods and services. The added elimination of sales exemptions and exclusions on groceries, water, retirement income and a host of other items will place a heavy burden on citizens in Georgia. We are gathering to say without equivocation, ‘Do not balance the budget on the backs of hard-working Georgia families.’”

“Tax reform is needed in Georgia but the proposed legislation is the wrong way to go about it. It throws the good out with the bad, like eliminating education choice programs that are likely saving the state money and giving children in Georgia a real chance at success,” says Randy Hicks, president of Georgia Family Council, the parent organization of the Center for an Educated Georgia”.

The pending tax legislation is being positioned as a “tax cut” because it lowers the state income tax rate. Paradoxically, the amount of taxable income will increase for everyone. It will leave many paying higher income taxes overall including all the new taxes on good and services.

What: Georgia No New Taxes Rally

Where: Steps of the State Capitol  
When: Wednesday, March 16, 11AM

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