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Americans For Fair Taxation

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600 PEOPLE TURN OUT FOR INAUGURAL FAIRTAX TOWN MEETING

Houston, TX -- 600 people turned out last night to hear Congressman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and Congressman John Linder (R-Ga.) conduct the inaugural town meeting on the FairTax. The FairTax was developed by Americans for Fair Taxation, which is based in Houston, and was introduced into Congress as legislation by Reps. Linder and Peterson shortly before the current congressional recess.

"The turnout is a testament to the popularity of the FairTax, its benefits and far reaching political support. All over this country people are demanding meaningful change in the tax system and last night's turnout is indicative of the growing urgency of this issue," said Americans for Fair Taxation's acting executive director Dr. Stephen Hollingshead.

Featured at last night's meeting, in an effort to further demonstrate overwhelming bipartisan support for the FairTax, were the chairmen of both local political parties: Sue Schechter, chairman of the Harris County Democratic Party and Gary Polland, chairman of the Harris County Republican Party. Congressmen Linder and Peterson – who represent disparate regions of the country as well as both political parties – will continue their initial FairTax tour in Atlanta tonight and finish up in Phoenix on Wednesday.

"Never before has such sweeping tax reform received such deep bipartisan support – both at the national and local levels. The fact that the FairTax allows every wage earner to take home his or her whole paycheck on payday, keeps prices virtually unchanged, untaxes the poor, and fully funds Social Security and Medicare is only going to draw more support from all ends of the political spectrum just as last night's turnout demonstrated deep support at the grassroots," Hollingshead said.

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