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CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES FAIR TAX

Washington, D.C. - Millions of Americans agree it is time to reform our out-of-date tax laws and today, the Executive Committee of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) endorsed the FairTax proposal put forth by the Houston-based Americans for Fair Taxation.

Terry Deeny, AGC President said, "The leaders of AGC endorsed the principles of the FairTax because it is a sensible, non-partisan plan that would replace all income, payroll, self-employment, capital gains, death, and hidden corporate taxes. AGC members and their employees will be able to keep their entire paycheck to spend on necessities, savings and investments."

Americans for Fair Taxation's Acting Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Hollingshead, responded to the news of AGC's endorsement of the FairTax proposal: "By endorsing the FairTax, the Associated General Contractors of America has demonstrated its concern for the well-being of the wage earners who are employed by its 33,000 member firms. When the FairTax passes, the workers of America will be able to keep their whole paycheck. They haven't been able to do that since income tax withholding was begun in the 1930's. And since the FairTax eliminates all taxes on production, investment will go up and interest rates will drop--creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs in construction and every other capital intensive industry."

The FairTax proposal, federal legislation (H.R. 2525), replaces the complicated and unfair tax system with a perfected retail sales tax. Unlike the sales tax now in place, the FairTax has a tax refund system so that no American family pays taxes on the purchase of necessities. In turn, the FairTax will help the economy by creating new jobs and better jobs. Economic output in the construction industry is expected to increase by more than 50% during the first years of the FairTax.

Deeny concluded, "AGC will work diligently with the Americans for Fair Taxation to encourage Congress to act on reforming the tax system and adopting the FairTax."

The Associated General Contractors of America is the largest and oldest national construction trade association, founded in 1918. AGC represents more than 33,000 firms, including 7,500 of America's leading general contractors, and 12,000 specialty-contracting firms. Over 14,000 service providers and suppliers are also associated with AGC, through a nationwide network of chapters.