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GRASSROOTS EXPLODE IN SUPPORT OF FAIRTAX

"As Congress Concludes Tax Reform Hearings Today, It's Obvious Which Way The People Want To Go"

HOUSTON, Tex. --- "The verdict is in and the FairTax is the people's choice," said AFFT President and CEO Dan England. "As Congress concludes tax reform hearings today, it's obvious which way the people want to go." A flood of grassroots phone calls received by Americans for Fair Taxation should send a clear message to Congress as it contemplates major tax reform. With another tax deadline looming ominously just days away, the House Ways and Means Committee held a full day of hearings on the FairTax this past Tuesday and the outpouring of support is undeniable.

- o Over 22,000 calls to AFFT headquarters in the past 13 days.
- o Over 16,000 of those who called indicated a desire to join AFFT and the FairTax movement.
- o Over 8,000 calls patched through to Members of Congress in the past 8 days.
- o Over 140,000 hits on the www.fairtax.org web site in the past 14 days.

Testifying at the hearings were people representing a broad cross-section of America - people who also demonstrated the depth of both grassroots and bipartisan support for the FairTax. Witnesses included the two chief congressional co-sponsors, Congressman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and Congressman John Linder (R-Ga.); James Martin, Retired General Vice President of the Ironworkers International Union; Steve Kouplen, President of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau; Todd McCracken, President, National Small Business United; Hon. John "Buck" Chapoton, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; and Wayne Angell, former Federal Reserve Board governor and currently the chief economist at Bear Stearns & Co.

The FairTax has been endorsed by the American Farm Bureau, Associated General Contractors, National Taxpayers Union, National Small Business United, Council for Smaller Enterprises, Small Business Association of Michigan, and Small Business United of Texas.

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