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FIRST LEG OF FAIRTAX FREEDOM TOUR ENDS, HOUSTON CHRONICLE WEIGHS IN

2000+ People Turn Out To Hear Pitch Over Three Days

HOUSTON, TX - The Houston Chronicle weighed in on the FairTax proposal on Sunday, August 29, 1999, bringing a perfect end to the first portion of the FairTax Freedom Tour. Over three days last week, Congressmen Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and John Linder (R-Ga.) brought the case for their FairTax proposal directly to the American people. More than 2000 people turned out over the course of those three days, and many more contacted Americans For Fair Taxation (AFFT) during the week. Not only were the AFFT phone lines jammed due to the heavy traffic, but the AFFT website, www.FairTax.org, received almost 100,000 hits.

The <u>Chronicle editorial</u> makes it clear that it will take a grassroots effort to make the sweeping changes the congressmen propose. They underscore AFFT's efforts, saying, "If Americans ever are to get the IRS out of their lives and paychecks, they will have to bone up on the intricacies of the national sales tax proposal and decide whether they prefer it. One place to start is at www.fairtax.org, where taxpayers can learn more about Peterson and Linder's bill."

To schedule an interview with Congressman Linder, Congressman Peterson, or another AFFT spokesperson, contact Anne Golden (ext. 128) or Andrew Langer (ext. 116) at (703)-683-5004.