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Americans For Fair Taxation

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BI-PARTISAN FAIRTAX: THE MOVEMENT BEGINS

"Like Ripples Across a Pond, America is Responding to the FairTax"

Less than a week ago, Congressmen Collin Peterson (D, Minn.) and John Linder (R, Ga.) announced their historic, bi-partisan, FairTax, a proposal for comprehensive tax reform which would scrap the IRS, the Internal Revenue Code, Personal Income Tax, and the Payroll tax, and replace them with a national sales tax. That announcement has sparked a movement clamoring for the sweeping changes the congressmen propose.

"We are immensely pleased with the reception the FairTax is garnering nationwide. Like ripples across a pond, American is responding to the FairTax proposal put forth by Peterson and Linder," said Carrie Ardelean, Grassroots Director for Americans for Fair Taxation, the organization spearheading the FairTax effort. "Over the next few months, this movement will allow our cause to be carried through Congress, so that meaningful tax relief can be had for the average American."

Articles in the National Journal's Congress Daily, and the Associated Press wire, which went out just after last week's announcement, heralded AFFT's resounding success thus far on the FairTax issue, touting the near 250,000 membership AFFT enjoys, as well as the doubling of its number of chapters to 160. AFFT has members in every congressional district. In a Fox News interview on the day following the announcement, the Congressmen stressed this point in emphasizing the bi-partisan nature of the proposal.

"Simply, tax reform cannot be done unless it is bi-partisan, and helps all Americans," Ardelean reiterated. "Our organization is firmly committed to those principles, as are the sponsors of this legislation. With that kind of support, and the support it is generating across the country, we are certain that the FairTax will succeed,"

To schedule an interview with Congressmen Peterson or Linder, or any FairTax spokesman, contact Andrew Langer (ext. 116) or Anne Golden (ext. 128) at (703)-683-5004.