



North Carolina Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for North Carolina

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, North Carolina alone stands to gain nearly 43,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Sen. Richard Burr (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	YES	YES	YES		
Elaine Marshall (D)	NOT SIGNED					
Mike Beitler (L)	NOT SIGNED					

Vote Key:

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. **Red** represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

² Based on research published by the John Locke Foundation on June 8, 2009.

U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
District 1					
Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	
Ashley Woolard (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 2					
Rep. Bob Etheridge (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Renee Ellmers (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Tom Rose (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 3					
Rep. Walter Jones Jr. (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	NOT VOTING
Johnny Rouse (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Darryl Holloman (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. David Price (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
B.J. Lawson (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 5					
Rep. Virginia Foxx (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	
Billy Kennedy (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Brad Smith (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 6					
Rep. Howard Coble (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Gregory "Sam" Turner (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 7					
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NOT VOTING
Ilario Gregory Pantano (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 8					

Rep. Larry Kissell (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Harold Johnson (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Thomas Hill (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 9					
Rep. Sue Myrick (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Jeff Doctor (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 10					
Rep. Patrick McHenry (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	
Jeff Gregory (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 11					
Rep. Heath Shuler (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		
Jeff Miller (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 12					
Rep. Mel Watt (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Scott Cumbie (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Lon Cecil (L)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 13					
Rep. Brad Miller (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
Bill Randall (R)	NOT SIGNED				
James Hardesty (I)	NOT SIGNED				

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

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