



Georgia Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for Georgia

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million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, Georgia alone stands to gain nearly 42,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.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. Johnny Isakson (R)	NOT SIGNED	YES	YES	YES		
Mike Thurmond (D)	NOT SIGNED					
Chuck Donovan (L)	SIGNED PLEDGE					

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H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

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 Georgia Public Policy Foundation on June 11, 2009.

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."

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. Jack Kingston (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Oscar Harris (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 2					
Rep. Sanford Bishop (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NOT VOTING
Mike Keown (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 3					
Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	YES	YES	YES	
Frank Saunders (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. Hank Johnson (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		
Liz Carter (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 5					
Rep. John Lewis (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Fenn Little (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 6					
Rep. Tom Price (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	
District 7					
Rob Woodall (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Doug Heckman (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 8					

Rep. Jim Marshall (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
Austin Scott (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 9					
Rep. Tom Graves (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO			
Lee Hawkins (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 10					
Rep. Paul Broun Jr. (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Russell Edwards (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 11					
Rep. Phil Gingrey (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	YES	YES	YES	
District 12					
Rep. John Barrow (D)	NOT SIGNED	NOT VOTING	YES	YES	
Ray McKinney (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 13					
Rep. David Scott (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	
Mike Crane (R)	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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