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Statement by Dominic M. Calabro, Florida TaxWatch President on Phone Solicitations by “Trust the Voters”

It has come to the attention of Florida TaxWatch that the “Trust the Voters” political committee has been making late night telephone calls to Florida taxpayers implying its connected with Florida TaxWatch and urging the person called to vote “no” on Amendment 3 in the upcoming election.

Florida TaxWatch did not make these phone calls and strongly objects to this group using our good name to peddle its political position. This is clearly a deceptive tactic, as Florida TaxWatch strongly supports Amendment 3 and the protections it would provide Florida’s taxpayers, a position that its research and recommendations have consistently identified as good public policy for the past 12 years.

We have received several calls today from taxpayers and a state representative complaining about these intrusive late night phone calls, including an elderly Jacksonville woman and her husband who has four different heart ailments, who were awakened at midnight by one of these calls.

We have contacted the “Trust the Voters” organizers and asked them to cease and desist and they refuse to do so, obviously trying to play on the good reputation and long-standing credibility of Florida TaxWatch. This misleading information does not serve the voters, who need both sides of the issue, honestly and accurately represented, so that they can prepare to vote on this critically important constitutional matter.

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