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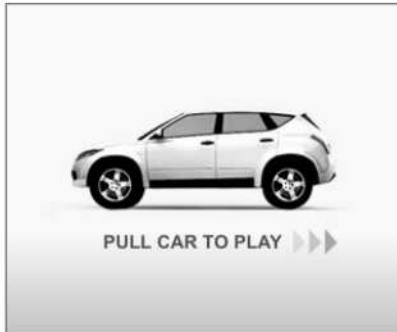
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Joins Ed Meese, Grover Norquist, Bill Bennett, and dozens of conservative leaders supporting conservative criminal justice reforms

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 2, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Jeb Bush, the first Republican to be elected to consecutive terms as Governor of Florida, is the newest signatory of the Right On Crime statement of principles, which aligns the conservative agenda on criminal justice reform with long-standing conservative principles such as accountability, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.

"States across the country, including Florida, are proving that policies based on these sound conservative principles will reduce crime and its cost to taxpayers," Gov. Bush said. "Many of the signatories of this statement of principles are respected leaders and friends, and I am pleased to add my support."

"Jeb Bush's track record as Governor of Florida was marked by consistent and visionary conservative leadership," said ROC senior policy advisor Marc Levin. "Gov. Bush's endorsement of these principles increases the credibility of the conservative criminal justice reform movement on a national level. Gov. Bush's support will also provide valuable momentum in Florida, which presents one of the best opportunities for implementing these reforms that better protect the public and reduce the costs of crime."

The conservative statement of principles was unveiled last December by Right on Crime, an initiative spearheaded by the Texas Public Policy Foundation and based on measures implemented in Texas that have reduced crime by more than 9 percent while saving taxpayers more than \$2 billion.

The campaign grounds itself in the basics of conservatism: personal responsibility, free enterprise, limited government, and family. Using a model that has been successful in Texas since 2005, Right on Crime promotes data-driven solutions that are proven to restore victims, decrease the number of repeat offenders, and save taxpayer dollars.

Ten states across the country have enacted reforms this year that are aligned with the Right On Crime statement of principles. These reforms include:

- Juvenile justice overhauls in Florida and Texas;
- Closure of no-longer-needed prisons in Colorado and Texas;
- Evidence-based diversion programs that will offset the need for new prisons in Arkansas and Ohio; and
- Parole reforms in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

The conservative statement of principles and a current list of signatories are available online at www.rightoncrime.com/statement-of-principles.

About Right on Crime

Right on Crime provides conservative principled solutions that are proven to reduce crime, lower costs and restore victims. Right on Crime is a national initiative led by the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, one of the nation's leading state-based conservative think tanks. The initiative aims to raise awareness and grow support for effective criminal justice reforms within the conservative movement. This project will share research and policy ideas, mobilize conservative leaders, and work to raise public awareness. For more information, please visit www.rightoncrime.com.

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