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## Philadelphia Tribune Likes 'Progressive' Democrats and also... Ellen Bard

*Republican Vying for Pennsylvania's 13th District is lumped in with Democrats in Endorsement*

WASHINGTON— On Friday, Ellen Bard (R), candidate for Pennsylvania's 13th District received the dubious distinction of being endorsed, together with progressive Democrats, by the Philadelphia Tribune. Ellen Bard, like the two progressive Democrats in the race, has refused to take the Taxpayer Protection Pledge administered by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR).

**"I'm not surprised that an editorial board that favors higher taxes and 'progressives' has endorsed Ellen Bard together with the Democrats in the race for the 13th District,"** said taxpayer advocate and ATR President Grover Norquist. **"Ellen Bard has refused to take the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, and during the campaign has even advocated allowing Pennsylvanians' taxes to go up automatically by allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire."**

In the 13th District, Republican Melissa Brown has signed the Pledge, as have both Republican U.S. Senate candidates in Pennsylvania, and President Bush. Ellen Bard stands with John Kerry and the other Democratic candidates voters will consider this November who refuse to pledge to oppose tax hikes.

**"Perhaps the final lynch pin in the Tribune's decision to endorse Ellen Bard along with the Democrats was her recent admission that she would like see Pennsylvanians' taxes go up,"** said Norquist, referring to recent statements Bard made in the district at a candidates' forum. Bard said she would allow most of the Bush tax cuts to expire, resulting in higher tax bills for Pennsylvanians.

**"The Tribune said that Ellen Bard supports 'eliminating government waste,' but the tax cuts she wants to eliminate are not 'waste.' That money belongs to the people of Pennsylvania and should stay with them, regardless of what the Philadelphia Tribune, 13th District Democrats, or Ellen Bard might think,"** Norquist added.

Pennsylvanians will go to the polls this Tuesday, April 27 to chose the Republican and Democratic nominees for the November election.

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