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Maine: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for the Primaries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits "to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes."**

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joined 42 U.S. Senators, 216 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than1235 state legislators.

In Maine, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Maine and signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

1. Edward Youngblood (S-6)
2. Christine Savage (S-12)
3. Karl Turner (S-26)
4. Carolyn Gilman (S-29)
5. David Bowles (H-9)
6. Harold Clough (H-22)
7. Gerald Davis (H-40)
8. Philip Cressey, Jr. (H-47)
9. David Trahan (H-59)
10. Stephan Bowen (H-63)
11. Lois Snowe-Mello (H-71)
12. Thomas F. Shields (H-72)
13. Stanly Moody (H-80)
14. Robert Berube (H-84)
15. Michael Vaughan (H-85)
16. Jeff Kaelin (H-107)
17. Earl Richardson (H-111)
18. James Annis (H-112)
19. Brian Duprey (H-114)
20. Robert Crosthwaite (H-127)
21. Anita Peavey Haskell (H-137)
22. Henry L. Joy (H-141)

NEW CANDIDATES:

1. Peter T. Throumoulos (S-5)
2. Edward T. Madden (S-17)
3. Russell Treadwell (H-124)
4. Rudolph St. Peter(H-2)
5. Tina M. Stimpson (H-16)
6. Douglas A. Thomas (H-24)
7. Richard L. Skinner (H-30)
8. R. Kenneth Lindell (H-41)
9. Jonathan McKane (H-51)
10. Edward W. Hendsbee (H-83)
11. Gordon A. Fuller (H-99)
12. Richard M. Cebra (H-101)

In addition, the following incumbents have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

1. Thomas Murphey (H-8)
2. Kenneth Honey (H-58)
3. Donald Berry, Sr. (H-109)
4. James H. Tobin (H-126)
5. Eugene Churchill (H-12)

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.