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ATR Congratulates Pennsylvania Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge signers, who have either won their primary elections on April 27, 2004 or are running unopposed. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates have joined President Bush, nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1240 incumbent state legislators, all of whom have pledged to oppose tax increases. ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents.

In Pennsylvania, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed:

INCUMBENTS

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| 1. Daryl Metcalfe (H-12) | 8. James E. Casorio, Jr. (H-56) | 15. Dennis Leh (H-130) |
| 2. Rod E. Wilt (H-17) | 9. Jess Stairs (H-59) | 16. Richard Grucela (H-137) |
| 3. Jeffrey Habay (H-30) | 10. Dave Reed (H-62) | 17. Matthew Wright (H-142) |
| 4. Thomas Stevenson (H-42) | 11. Tom Yewcic (H-72) | 18. Katherine McDowell Watson (H-144) |
| 5. Lawrence Roberts (H-51) | 12. Camille George (H-74) | 19. Stephen Barrar (H-160) |
| 6. James E. Shaner (H-52) | 13. Gibson C. Armstrong (H-100) | 20. Kerry Benninghoff (H-171) |
| 7. Joseph A. Petrarca (H-55) | 14. Samuel Rohrer (H-128) | 21. Kelly Lewis (H-189) |

CHALLENGERS

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| 1. Pat Geho (H-16) | 2. Scott Witon (H-54) | 3. Rebekah Snyder-Starr (H-60) |
| | 4. Jeff Pyle (H-60) | |

In addition to these candidates, three state senators, who are not up for election this year, are Pledge signers.

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| 1. Joe Conti (S-10) | 2. Lisa Boscola (S-18) | 3. Jane Orie (S-40) |
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Signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is a demonstration of common sense. A failure to do so is a demonstration of the willingness to raise taxes. Every candidate running for office should keep this in mind.

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.