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Texas: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates For November

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge signers, who have either won their primary elections on March 9, 2004 or are running unopposed. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose [and vote against/veto] 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 1225 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 Texas, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed: (Boldfaced font denotes leadership position. Underlined font denotes new pledge signer for 2004 election season.)

INCUMBENTS

1. Todd Staples (S-3)
2. Tommy Williams (S-4)
3. Chris Harris (S-9)
4. Dan Flynn (H-2)
5. Leo Berman (H-6)
6. Fred Brown (H-14)
7. Larry Taylor (H-24)
8. Charlie Howard (H-26)
9. Glenn Hegar (H-28)
10. Gene Seaman (H-32)
11. Edmund Kuempel (H-44)
12. Todd Baxter (H-48)
13. Mike Krusee (H-52)
14. Harvey Hilderbran (H-53)

15. Dianne White Delisi (H-55)
16. Jim Keffer (H-60)
17. Phil King (H-61)
18. Myra Crownover (H-64)
19. Jerry Madden (H-67)
20. Scott Campbell (H-72)
21. **Tom Craddick (H-82)**
22. Carl Isett (H-84)
23. John Smithee (H-86)
24. Kent Grusendorf (H-94)
25. Bill Zedler (H-96)
26. Elvira Reyna (H-101)
27. Bill Keffer (H-107)
28. Fred Hill (H-112)
29. Frank Corte (H-122)
30. Bill Callegari (H-132)

31. Joe Nixon (H-133)
32. Martha Wong (H-134)
33. Gary Elkins (H-135)
34. Dwayne Bohac (H-138)
35. Robert Talton (H-144)
36. Talmadge Heflin (H-149)

CANDIDATES

1. Jean Kilgore (H-17)
2. Jeanette Popp (H-99)
3. Christopher Shindler (H-116)
4. Corbin Van Asrdale (H-130)
5. Ann Witt (H-137)

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.