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Maryland's Pledge Signers Make a Commitment in 2004!

*Maryland candidates and incumbents for federal offices sign the
ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge—and win.*

WASHINGTON – Maryland candidates and incumbents are set in their ways: many of them vowed to protect their taxpayers and took the Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) Taxpayer Protection Pledge, in which they promise to “oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses...and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing taxes.”

“These candidates and incumbents have demonstrated their position on fiscal responsibility to constituents by taking the Pledge,” said Grover Norquist, taxpayer advocate and president of ATR. **“Maryland needs sensible leadership to reign in taxing and spending, and people of the Old Line State should be wary of those challengers and incumbents not willing to make the same promise.”**

ATR has offered the Pledge to all federal candidates since 1987. To date, President George W. Bush, 42 U.S. Senators and 217 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as eight governors and over 1,190 state representatives have taken the ATR Pledge. Additionally, 11 State Senators and 24 members of the State House of Representatives have signed the state-specific version of the Pledge.

“I applaud the commitment these Marylanders have made to their state and their responsible ideals when it comes to spending,” continued Norquist. **“Marylanders should be proud of their incumbents and join me in applauding their dedication.”**

MARYLAND PLEDGE SIGNERS:

Candidates:	Robert Duckworth (3 rd) Chuck Floyd (8 th)
Incumbents:	Wayne Gilchrest (1 st) Roscoe Bartlett (6 th)

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