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## **Congressional Candidate Signs Taxpayer Protection Pledge**

*Lyle Thorstenson (R – TX) signs the Taxpayer Protection Pledge*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Lyle Thorstenson, a candidate for Texas' 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Seat seat, signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). The Pledge commits signers 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 tax rates.”

ATR has offered the Pledge to all candidates for federal office since 1987. To date, President George W. Bush, 42 U.S. senators, and 215 members of the U.S. House of Representatives (eighteen from the state of Texas) have signed the Pledge. Additionally, eight governors and over 1,190 state legislators also have signed the Pledge.

“America needs elected officials who are committed to protecting taxpayers, and signing our Pledge demonstrates that kind of leadership,” said Grover Norquist, president of ATR.

“By signing the Pledge, Mr. Thorstenson demonstrates his allegiance to hard-working taxpayers nationwide, as well as dedication to taxpayers in his state. Mr. Thorstenson should be commended for his principled opposition to tax increases as a solution to politicians’ tax-and-spend habits.”

“I strongly encourage all candidates to sign the No Tax Pledge,” Norquist concluded.

Copies of the Pledge are available at [www.ATR.org](http://www.ATR.org) or by calling (202) 785-0266.

*Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For further information, contact Kathryn Stockhausen by phone or at [kstockhausen@atr.org](mailto:kstockhausen@atr.org)*

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