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Who Will Defend Colorado's Taxpayers?

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 joins 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1280 state legislators.

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

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

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| 1. Ron May (S-10) | 7. Keith King (H-21) | 13. Kevin Lundberg (H-49) |
| 2. David Schultheis (H-14) | 8. John Witwer (H-25) | 14. Jim Welker (H-51) |
| 3. Bill L. Cadman (H-15) | 9. Don Lee (H-28) | 15. Mark Larson (H-59) |
| 4. Mark Cloer (H-17) | 10. Pam Rhodes (H-31) | 16. Greg Brophy (H-63) |
| 5. Richard Decker (H-19) | 11. Shawn Mitchell (H-33) | |
| 6. Lynn Christian Hefley (H-20) | 12. Joe Stengel (H-38) | |

NEW CANDIDATES

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| 1. Jeff Taton (H-6) | 4. Shane Ortega (H-30) | 7. Ronald W. Hartman (H-62) |
| 2. Kent Lambert (H-18) | 5. David Borstel (H-32) | |
| 3. Michael T. McKinzie (H-23) | 6. David Balmer (H-39) | |

The following incumbent has signed for her current tenure in the House, but has not yet signed for her candidacy in the Senate:

1. Shawn Mitchell (S-23/curr. H-33)

In addition, the following incumbents who are not up for re-election this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Gov. Bill Owens | 4. Kenneth Kester (S-2) | 7. Alice Nichol (S-24) |
| 2. Treas. Mike Coffman | 5. Doug Lamborn (S-9) | |
| 3. Mark Hillman (S-1) | 6. Dave Owen (S-13) | |

The following incumbent pledge signers are not running again:

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| 1. John Andrews (S-27) | 3. Rob Fairbank (H-22) |
| 2. William Sinclair (H-16) | 4. Tambor Williams (H-50) |

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.