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Hawaii's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for the Primaries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) applauds the following taxpayer-friendly 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, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1280 state legislators.

In Hawaii, these people have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Hawaii and signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION AND NEW CANDIDATES (Bold font denotes incumbents)

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| 1. Maryanne Kusaka (S-7) | 10. William Stonebraker (H-17) | 19. Guy P. Ontai (H-37) |
| 2. Gordon Trimble (S-12) | 11. Bertha Leong (H-18) | 20. Mark Moses (H-40) |
| 3. David Ige (S-16) | 12. Mark Terry (H-18) | 21. Kymberly Pine (H-43) |
| 4. Cal Kawamoto (S-18) | 13. Barbara Marumoto (H-19) | 22. Colleen Meyer (H-47) |
| 5. Jim Henshaw (S-23) | 14. Galen Fox (H-23) | 23. David A. Pendleton (H-49) |
| 6. Dennis Triglia (H-4) | 15. Tracy Okubo (H-25) | 24. Cynthia Thielen (H-50) |
| 7. Mark Jernigan (H-6) | 16. Bob Tom (H-26) | 25. Wilson Ho (H-51) |
| 8. Brian K. Blundell (H-10) | 17. Corinne Ching (H-27) | |
| 9. Bertha Kawakami (H-16) | 18. Lynn Finnegan (H-32) | |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Sam Slom (S-8) | 2. Bob Hogue (S-24) | 3. Fred Hemmings (S-25) |
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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.