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Who Will Defend Illinois' Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. 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 Illinois, the following pro-taxpayer candidates have either won their primary or were unchallenged in the primary:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Susan Garrett (S-29) | 6. Patricia Bellock (H-47) | 12. Richard Myers (H-94) |
| 2. Ralph Capparelli (H-20/curr. H-15) | 7. Timothy L. Schmitz (H-49) | 13. Joe Dunn (H-96) |
| 3. Michael P. McAuliffe (H-20) | 8. Jack Franks (H-63) | 14. Gary Hannig (H-98) |
| 4. Robert S. Molaro (H-21) | 9. Ron Wait (H-69) | 15. Ron Stephens (H-102) |
| 5. Robert Biggins (H-41) | 10. Robert W. Pritchard (H-70) | 16. Steve Davis (H-111) |
| | 11. Michael Boland (H-71) | 17. Mike Bost (H-115) |

New Candidates:

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| 1. William B. “Bill” Miceli (H-15) | 3. Jeff Choudhry (H-72) | 5. Larry D. Rudder (H-111) |
| 2. Joseph M. Wiegand (H-70) | 4. Doug Hayse (H-75) | 6. Leslie Donelson (H-117) |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have also pledged not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Ray Soden (S-23) | 4. Wendell Jones (S-27) | 7. John Jones (S-54) |
| 2. Kirk Dillard (S-24) | 5. Dave Syverson (S-34) | 8. John Philip Novak (H-79) |
| 3. Chris Lauzen (S-25) | 6. Ed Petka (S-42) | 9. Julie Curry (H-101) |

In addition, the following candidate has signed for her current tenure in the House, but has not yet signed for her candidacy in the Senate:

1. Kathleen Wojcik (S-28/curr. H-56)

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.