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## Who Will Defend Kansas' Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) asks all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. **By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Pledge signers are in good company: 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 1290 state legislators.

**In Kansas, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:**

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Mark Gilstrap (S-5)    | 10. Jene Vickrey (H-6)    | 19. Steven Brunk (H-85)    |
| 2. Kay O'Connor (S-9)     | 11. Mary Compton (H-13)   | 20. Bonnie Huy (H-87)      |
| 3. Jim Barone (S-13)      | 12. Ray Cox (H-39)        | 21. Steve Heubert (H-90)   |
| 4. David Jackson (S-18)   | 13. John Ballou (H-43)    | 22. Brenda Landwehr (H-91) |
| 5. Karin Brownlee (S-23)  | 14. Don Dahl (H-70)       | 23. Willa DeCastro (H-96)  |
| 6. Phillip Journey (S-26) | 15. Peggy Long (H-76)     | 24. Dale Swenson (H-97)    |
| 7. Susan Wagle (S-30)     | 16. Ted Powers (H-81)     | 25. Todd Novascone (H-99)  |
| 8. Tim Huelskamp (S-38)   | 17. Don Meyers (H-82)     | 26. Mary Kauffman (H-101)  |
| 9. Andrew Howell (H-4)    | 18. Jo Ann Pottorf (H-83) | 27. Melvin Neufeld (H-115) |

### New Candidates:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dennis Pyle (S-1)    | 4. Louis Orr (H-60)          | 7. John C. Grange (H-75) |
| 2. Peggy Palmer (S-16)  | 5. Richard Carlson (H-61)    | 8. Monty Cruse (H-88)    |
| 3. Robin Jackson (S-34) | 6. Barbara Nell Jones (H-61) |                          |

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

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| 1. Ed Pugh (S-1)             | 4. Stan Clark (S-40)   | 7. William G. Mason (H-75) |
| 2. Robert Tyson (S-12)       | 5. Dan Williams (H-14) |                            |
| 3. Paul Feleciano Jr. (S-28) | 6. Vern Osborne (H-61) |                            |

### These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, but have not yet signed for their Senate candidacy:

1. Daniel Thimesch (H-93/S-26)
2. Ralph Ostmeyer (H-115/S-40)

*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](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).*