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Who Will Defend Kentucky's 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 1280 state legislators.

In Kentucky, the following candidates have pledged to protect taxpayers:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Richard Sanders (S-9) | 10. C.B. Embry, Jr. (H-17) | 19. Bob DeWeese (H-48) | 28. Jon Reinhardt (H-69) |
| 2. Richard Roeding (S-11) | 11. Stephen Nunn (H-23) | 20. Mary Harper (H-49) | 29. Danny Ford (H-80) |
| 3. Vernie McGaha (S-15) | 12. Jimmy Higdson (H-24) | 21. Russ Mobley (H-51) | 30. Jeff Hoover (H-83) |
| 4. Jack Westwood (S-23) | 13. Kevin Bratcher (H-29) | 22. Ken Upchurch (H-52) | 31. Tommy Turner (H-85) |
| 5. Robert Stivers (S-25) | 14. Ron Crimm (H-33) | 23. Brad Montell (H-58) | 32. James Stewart III (H-86) |
| 6. Walter Blevins (S-27) | 15. Lonnie Napier (H-36) | 24. Paul Marcotte (H-60) | 33. Marie Rader (H-89) |
| 7. Jim Bruce (H-9) | 16. Perry Clark (H-37) | 25. Royce Adams (H-61) | 34. Tim Couch (H-90) |
| 8. Jim Gooch (H-12) | 17. Robert Damron (H-39) | 26. Thomas Kerr (H-64) | 35. W. Keith Hall (H-93) |
| 9. Sheldon Baugh (H-16) | 18. Stan Lee (H-45) | 27. Joseph Fischer (H-68) | 36. John Vincent (H-100) |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Carroll Gibson (S-5) | 5. Alan C. Taylor (H-7) | 9. Paul Hosse (H-38) |
| 2. Tim York (S-27) | 6. Jim DeCesare (H-21) | 10. Trace Chesser (H-46) |
| 3. Dana Seum Stephenson (S-37) | 7. Donna Broadway (H-26) | 11. Charles O. Bradley (H-62) |
| 4. Melvin B. Henley (H-5) | 8. Charles “Buddy” Bell (H-35) | 12. Gerry Lynn (H-27) |

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. Julie Rose Denton (S-3) | 5. Charlie Borders (S-18) | 9. Ernie Harris (S-26) |
| 2. Lindy Casebier (S-7) | 6. Gary Tapp (S-20) | 10. Brett Guthrie (S-32) |
| 3. Elizabeth Tori (S-10) | 7. Tom Buford (S-22) | |
| 4. Dan Kelly (S-14) | 8. Katie Kratz Stine (S-24) | |

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.