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Missouri: These Candidates for Tuesday's Primaries have Pledged to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following primary 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 joined 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 Missouri, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Missouri and signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. John Loudon (S-7) | 8. Cynthia Davis (H-19) | 15. Jim Lembke (H-85) | 22. Brad Roark (H-139) |
| 2. Charles Gross (S-23) | 9. Jason Brown (H-30) | 16. Jack Jackson (H-89) | 23. Mike Dethrow (H-153) |
| 3. John Quinn (H-7) | 10. Susan Phillips (H-32) | 17. Brian D. Nieves (H-98) | 24. James Crowell (H-158) |
| 4. Sherman Parker (H-12) | 11. Doug Ervin (H-35) | 18. Van Kelly (H-114) | 25. Peter Myers, Sr. (H-160) |
| 5. Scott Rupp (H-13) | 12. Bryan T. Pratt (H-55) | 19. Ed Emery (H-126) | 26. Otto Bean, Jr. (H-163) |
| 6. Joe Smith (H-14) | 13. Brian Yates (H-56) | 20. Steve Hunter (H-127) | |
| 7. Vicki Schneider (H-17) | 14. Allen Icet (H-84) | 21. Mark Wright (H-137) | |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Karen Skelton-Memhardt (Gov) | 10. Will Kraus (H-48) | 20. David C. Stokes (H-87) | 30. Keith L. Rodgers (H-134) |
| 2. Chet Boeke (St. Treas.) | 11. Michael R. Brown (H-50) | 21. Florine Penrod (H-101) | 31. Mellony J. Mizer (H-137) |
| 3. Mike Ferguson (Lt. Gov.) | 12. David Anway (H-51) | 22. Marvin Lutes (H-102) | 32. Luther Meadows (H-141) |
| 4. Dewey L. Crepeau (Att. Gen.) | 13. David H. Schwensen (H-51) | 23. Terry Varner (H-104) | 33. Richard A. Lazear (H-144) |
| 5. Bob Yeckel (S-1) | 14. Robert Christopher (H-59) | 24. Gilbert Rains (H-110) | 34. John W. Williams (H-147) |
| 6. Chet Southworth (S-11) | 15. Patricia Verde (H-64) | 25. Barney Fisher (H-125) | 35. Chuck Liffick (H-148) |
| 7. Bill Stoufer (S-21) | 16. Don R. Benski (H-70) | 26. Jason Fenske (H-127) | 36. Nathan Cooper (H-158) |
| 8. Christopher S. Morill (S-27) | 17. Jeanette Wansing (H-76) | 27. Michael L. Parson (H-133) | 37. Jerry Elder (H-159) |
| 9. Gregory Arrigo (H-11) | 18. Rosanne Vrugtman (H-78) | 28. Tom Stark (H-133) | |
| | 19. Jim Craig (H-85) | 29. Jesse Watson (H-133) | |

In addition, the following incumbents have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Anita Yeckel (S-1) | 3. Bill I. Foster (S-25) | 5. Jerry King (H-125) |
| 2. Matt Bartle (S-8) | 4. Annie Reinhart (H-34) | |

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

1. Chuck Purgason (S-33)

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.