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Who Will Defend Montana's Taxpayers?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates for the general elections 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 Montana, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of their state and signed the Pledge:

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

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| 1. Jerry O'Neil (S-3) | 10. Christopher A. Gregory (H-23) | 19. Scott Sales (H-68) |
| 2. Earl Ted Washburn (S-33) | 11. Dave Kasten (H-30) | 20. Jack M. Wells (H-69) |
| 3. Russell D. Brown (H-1) | 12. Dennis Pitman (H-48) | 21. Roger Koopman (H-70) |
| 4. Rick Maedje (H-2) | 13. Paul D. Lytle (H-56) | 22. Lynn Stumberg (H-79) |
| 5. Verdell Jackson (H-6) | 14. Don Roberts (H-56) | 23. Bob Lake (H-88) |
| 6. Timothy R. Martin (H-7) | 15. Penny Morgan (H-57) | 24. Pascal Redfern (H-96) |
| 7. Rick Jore (H-12) | 16. Pat Wagman (H-62) | 25. Lou Hatch (H-100) |
| 8. Renn Bodeker (H-13) | 17. Page Lutes (H-64) | |
| 9. Jonathan David Martin (H-22) | 18. John Sinrud (H-67) | |

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

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| 1. Mike Sprague (S-6) | 4. Aubyn Curtiss (S-41) | 7. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (H-71) |
| 2. Rick Laible (S-30) | 5. Daniel Fuchs (H-15) | 8. Stanley Fisher (H-75) |
| 3. Bob Keenan (S-38) | 6. Dave Lewis (H-55) | |

These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, and have re-signed for their Senate candidacy:

1. Joe Balyeat (H-32/ S-34)
2. Edward Butcher (S-47/ H-29)

This incumbent has signed the Pledge for his current tenure in the House, and has not yet signed for his Senate candidacy:

1. Jim Shockley (H-61/ S-45)

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.