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## Tennessee's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates

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 Tennessee, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Tennessee and have signed the Pledge:**

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Ron Ramsey (S-2)        | 9. Jerome Cochran (H-4)           | 17. Michael Turner (H-51)       | 25. Steve K. McDaniel (H-72) |
| 2. Michael Williams (S-4)  | 10. David Davis (H-6)             | 18. Beth Harwell (H-56)         | 26. Phillip Johnson (H-78)   |
| 3. Larry Trail (S-16)      | 11. Bill Dunn (H-16)              | 19. Susan Lynn (H-57)           | 27. Dolores Gresham (H-94)   |
| 4. JoAnn Graves (S-18)     | 12. Chris Newton (H-22)           | 20. Ben West, Jr. (H-60)        | 28. Paul R. Stanley (H-96)   |
| 5. Rosalind Kurita (S-22)  | 13. William Baird (H-36)          | 21. Charles Sargent, Jr. (H-61) | 29. Tre' Hargett (H-97)      |
| 6. John Wilder (S-26)      | 14. Sam Stratton Bone, Jr. (H-46) | 22. Glen Casada (H-63)          |                              |
| 7. Steve M. Godsey (H-1)   | 15. Donna Rowland (H-48/H-34)     | 23. Eugene Davidson (H-66)      |                              |
| 8. Jason E. Mumpower (H-3) | 16. Tim Garrett (H-50)            | 24. Joey Hensley (H-70)         |                              |

### NEW CANDIDATES:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Raymond Rinney (S-8)    | 8. Terry Conley (H-31)     | 15. Oscar D. Gardner (H-49)     | 22. Curtis Johnson (H-68)   |
| 2. Jim Tracy (S-16)        | 9. Daved Senters (H-31)    | 16. Ken Berryhill (H-50)        | 23. Tharon Chandler (H-70)  |
| 3. Ron Stallings (S-26)    | 10. Travis Moody (H-35)    | 17. Gregory Scott Gaines (H-51) | 24. David R. Davis (H-78)   |
| 4. Parkey Strader (H-14)   | 11. Trever Warwick (H-36)  | 18. Karen Bennett (H-52)        | 25. Mark White (H-83)       |
| 5. Brenda Radford (H-22)   | 12. Raymond C. Dyer (H-42) | 19. Ron Veasey (H-56)           | 26. Jim Jamieson (H-89)     |
| 6. Eric H. Swafford (H-25) | 13. Ricky Goats (H-44)     | 20. Chris Atkins (H-66)         | 27. Daniel Dickerson (H-95) |
| 7. Billy Hollin (H-31)     | 14. Bill Deaton (H-45)     | 21. Cecil Stout (H-67)          |                             |

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

1. Diane Black (H-45)

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

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| 1. Jeff Miller (S-9)   | 5. Curtis Person (S-31)     | 9. Bobby Wood (H-26)     |
| 2. Bill Ketron (S-13)  | 6. H. E. Bittle, Jr. (H-14) | 10. James Vincent (H-31) |
| 3. Mae Beavers (S-17)  | 7. Steve Buttry (H-18)      |                          |
| 4. Doug Jackson (S-25) | 8. Raymond Walker (H-25)    |                          |

*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).*