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Hiram Lewis Signs No-New-Taxes Pledge

-- Candidate for Attorney General in West Virginia Promises to Oppose Tax Increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of Hiram Lewis, who is running for the office of Attorney General in West Virginia.

Mr. Lewis demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of West Virginia by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on April 8, 2004. By signing the pledge, Lewis promises “to oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

As of today’s date, over 1280 state legislators, eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, 217 U.S. representatives, 42 U.S. senators, and President George W. Bush have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

“Hiram Lewis joins numerous lawmakers and candidates at the state and federal levels who have committed themselves to principles of limited government,” commented Grover Norquist, President of ATR.

Hiram Lewis’ signing of the Pledge, is part of a bigger trend in West Virginia. Just recently, under the leadership of gubernatorial candidate Monroe P. “Monty” Warner, 34 candidates signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge in one day. They joined more than 40 candidates and incumbents who had signed the Pledge earlier. Aside from Hiram Lewis, four other candidates for state constitutional offices have pledged to protect taxpayers in West Virginia: Monroe P. “Monty” Warner (Gov.), Simon McClure (Gov.), Lisa Thornburg (Audit.), Andrew B. Yost (Comm. Of Agr.).

“I applaud Mr. Lewis for his commitment to all taxpayers of West Virginia. I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. To obtain a copy of the Pledge, or to learn more about it, please visit www.ATR.org or call Paul Proski or Sandra Fabry at (202) 785-0266.

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.