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Who Will Defend West Virginia Taxpayers?

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

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Karen Facemyer (S-4) | 7. Kelli Sobonya (H-16) | 13. Doug Stalnaker (H-38) |
| 2. Michael Ross (S-15) | 8. Linda Sumner (H-27) | 14. Larry A. Williams (H-45) |
| 3. Christopher Wakim (H-3) | 9. Tom Louvis (H-29) | 15. Allen V. Evans (H-48) |
| 4. Otis Leggett (H-7) | 10. Ann Calvert (H-30) | 16. Robert A. Schadler (H-49) |
| 5. Larry Border (H-9) | 11. Tim Armstead (H-32) | 17. John Overington (H-55) |
| 6. Mitch B. Carmichael (H-12) | 12. Ronald Walters (H-32) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. Monroe "Monty" Warner (Gov.) | 20. Christopher Troy Wood (H-13) | 39. Charles McKown (H-33) |
| 2. Simon McLure (Gov.) | 21. Jack R. McLane (H-13) | 40. Sam Argento (H-35) |
| 3. Hiram Lewis (Attorney General) | 22. Dennis Barry (H-15) | 41. William Salomon (H-35) |
| 4. Andrew B. Yost (Commissioner of Agriculture) | 23. Paula L. Stewart (H-15) | 42. Jim Thompson (H-36) |
| 5. Lisa Thornburg (Auditor) | 24. Matt Sabin (H-16) | 43. Alan R. Balogh (H-37) |
| 6. Russ Snyder (S-2) | 25. Joan V. Linville (H-18) | 44. Mulvie W. Grimes (H-37) |
| 7. Jack E. Fincham (S-9) | 26. Dave Litz (H-19) | 45. Burce Haddix (H-37) |
| 8. Bob Johnson (S-11) | 27. William E. Williams (H-19) | 46. Jerome E. Heinemann (H-37) |
| 9. Steven Weaver (S-12) | 28. Diane Shafer (H-20) | 47. Derrick W. Love (H-38) |
| 10. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 29. Shawn Spears (H-22) | 48. William Robert Wright (H-40) |
| 11. David C. Sypolt (S-14) | 30. Mike Lushbaugh (H-23) | 49. Lamont "Mutt" Proctor (H-41) |
| 12. Clark S. Barnes (S-15) | 31. Douglas C. Quesinberry (H-24) | 50. James L. Scudere (H-41) |
| 13. Rusty Webb (S-17) | 32. Thomas (Mike) Porter (H-25) | 51. Brooks (CB) Sharp (H-41) |
| 14. Roger D. Madden (H-1) | 33. Charles "Chuck" Carpenter (H-27) | 52. Thomas F. Smith (H-43) |
| 15. Robert "Les" McNinch (H-2) | 34. Ron Hedrick (H-27) | 53. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 16. Cody Lucey (H-4) | 35. Arnold W. Ryan (H-27) | 54. W. Kent Pauley (H-44) |
| 17. Ronald Morris (H-4) | 36. Charlie Freidman (H-28) | 55. Deborah R. Stevens (H-46) |
| 18. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5) | 37. Wandaleen Kincaid-Schallen (H-29) | 56. Ruth Rowan (H-50) |
| 19. Corbon Siders (H-12) | 38. Charles Minimah (H-31) | 57. Victor Roberts (H-53) |
| | | 58. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have also pledged not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Lisa D. Smith (S-4) | 2. Steve Harrison (S-8) | 3. Russ Weeks (S-9) |
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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.