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## THESE CANDIDATES HAVE SIGNED THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE

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 taxpayers. **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 doing so he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 218 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 1320 state legislators.

**“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,”** said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. **“I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In California, the following people have signed the Pledge:

### INCUMBENTS:

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bob Dutton (S-31/curr. H-63)    | 9. David Cogdill (H-25)    | 17. Ray Haynes (H-66)     |
| 2. Dick Ackerman (S-33)            | 10. Greg Aghazarian (H-26) | 18. Tom Harman (H-67)     |
| 3. John Campbell (S-35/curr. H-60) | 11. Kevin McCarthy (H-32)  | 19. Todd Spitzer (H-71)   |
| 4. Jim Battin (S-37)               | 12. Bill Maze (H-34)       | 20. Mark Wyland (H-74)    |
| 5. Doug LaMalfa (H-2)              | 13. Sharon Runner (H-36)   | 21. George Plescia (H-75) |
| 6. Rick Keene (H-3)                | 14. Tony Strickland (H-37) | 22. Jay La Suer (H-77)    |
| 7. Alan Nakanishi (H-10)           | 15. Dennis Mountjoy (H-59) | 23. Bonnie Garcia (H-80)  |
| 8. Guy S. Houston (H-15)           | 16. Russ Bogh (H-65)       |                           |

### CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Gary Podesto (S-5)       | 13. F. Aaron Smith (H-7)     | 25. Sandor J. Woren (H-43)        |
| 2. Patty Deutsche (S-9)     | 14. Cullene Lang (H-10)      | 26. Lynn Gabriel (H-44)           |
| 3. Joe Zellhoefer (S-11)    | 15. Paul Santiago (H-11)     | 27. Oscar Gutierrez (H-45)        |
| 4. George Runner (S-17)     | 16. Chirs Maden (H-12)       | 28. Peter “Pedro” De Baets (H-47) |
| 5. John S. Ballard (S-17)   | 17. Nellie McGarry (H-17)    | 29. Dale Everett (H-47)           |
| 6. Dale F. Ogden (S-25)     | 18. Ronald J. Colfer (H-18)  | 30. Laura Brown (H-49)            |
| 7. Cesar Castellanos (S-27) | 19. Cesar Castellanos (H-27) | 31. Gladys O. Miller (H-50)       |
| 8. Dan Fernandes (S-29)     | 20. Mike Villines (H-29)     | 32. Daniel R. Sherman (H-51)      |
| 9. Timothy Johnson (S-35)   | 21. Sam Blakeslee (H-33)     | 33. Greg Hill (H-53)              |
| 10. John Campbell (S-35)    | 22. Gary L. Kirkland (H-33)  | 34. Steve Kuykendall (H-54)       |
| 11. Larry Stirling (S-39)   | 23. Audra Strickland (H-37)  | 35. John H. Sterne (H-54)         |
| 12. Ray Tyrone (H-1)        | 24. Ely Dea Cruz Avao (H-39) | 36. Margherita Underhill (H-55)   |

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| 37. John Brantuk (H-56)  | 41. Norm Westwell (H-67) | 45. Andrew Favor (H-73)       |
| 38. Rita Topalian (H-58) | 42. Al Snook (H-68)      | 46. Richard J. Senecal (H-75) |
| 39. Fritz Ward (H-59)    | 43. Van Tran (H-68)      | 47. Jennifer Osborne (H-76)   |
| 40. Alan Warner (H-61)   | 44. Chuck DeVore (H-70)  | 48. Tricia Hunter (H-76)      |

The following Pledge signers are not up for re-election this year:

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| 1. Sam Aanestad (S-4)        | 4. Dennis Hollingsworth (S-36) |
| 2. Charles Poochigian (S-14) |                                |
| 3. Roy Ashburn (S-18)        | 5. Bill Morrow (S-38)          |

The following incumbent pledge signers are not seeking re-election:

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| 1. Jim Brulte (S-31) | 2. Bob Pacheco (H-60) | 3. Patricia Bates (H-73) |
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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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [cbutler@atr.org](mailto:cbutler@atr.org).*

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