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Hawaii's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for November

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 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 running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In Hawaii, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or were running unopposed:

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

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| 1. Robb Finberg (S-6) | 10. William Stonebraker (H-17) | 19. Guy P. Ontai (H-37) |
| 2. Maryanne Kusaka (S-7) | 11. Bertha Leong (H-18) | 20. Alonzo Sandoval (H-38) |
| 3. Gordon Trimble (S-12) | 12. Mark Terry (H-18) | 21. Mark Moses (H-40) |
| 4. David Ige (S-16) | 13. Barbara Marumoto (H-19) | 22. Kymberly Pine (H-43) |
| 5. Jim Henshaw (S-23) | 14. Galen Fox (H-23) | 23. Colleen Meyer (H-47) |
| 6. Dennis Triglia (H-4) | 15. Tracy Okubo (H-25) | 24. Keoki Leong (H-48) |
| 7. Mark Jernigan (H-6) | 16. Bob Tom (H-26) | 25. David A. Pendleton (H-49) |
| 8. Brian K. Blundell (H-10) | 17. Corinne Ching (H-27) | 26. Cynthia Thielen (H-50) |
| 9. Bertha Kawakami (H-16) | 18. Lynn Finnegan (H-32) | 27. Wilson Ho (H-51) |

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

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| 1. Sam Slom (S-8) | 2. Bob Hogue (S-24) | 3. Fred Hemmings (S-25) |
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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.

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