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## Kansas: Signers of 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 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 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 running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In Kansas, the following people have signed the Pledge:

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Mark Gilstrap (S-5)    | 8. Tim Huelskamp (S-38) | 15. Don Meyers (H-82)      | 22. Dale Swenson (H-97)    |
| 2. Kay O'Connor (S-9)     | 9. Andrew Howell (H-4)  | 16. Jo Ann Pottorf (H-83)  | 23. Todd Novascone (H-99)  |
| 3. Jim Barone (S-13)      | 10. Jene Vickrey (H-6)  | 17. Steven Brunk (H-85)    | 24. Mary Kauffman (H-101)  |
| 4. David Jackson (S-18)   | 11. Ray Cox (H-39)      | 18. Bonnie Huy (H-87)      | 25. Melvin Neufeld (H-115) |
| 5. Karin Brownlee (S-23)  | 12. Don Dahl (H-70)     | 19. Steve Heubert (H-90)   |                            |
| 6. Phillip Journey (S-26) | 13. Peggy Long (H-76)   | 20. Brenda Landwehr (H-91) |                            |
| 7. Susan Wagle (S-30)     | 14. Ted Powers (H-81)   | 21. Willa DeCastro (H-96)  |                            |

### New Candidates:

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| 1. Dennis Pyle (S-1)           | 9. Raymond La Boeuf (S-32)   | 17. Rob Hodgkinson (H-27)       | 25. Shawn Smith (H-83)      |
| 2. Joy R. Holt (S-6)           | 10. Bill D. Earnest (S-36)   | 18. Patricia Kilpatrick (H-29)  | 26. Monty Cruse (H-88)      |
| 3. D. Eric West (S-8)          | 11. Stephen Corn (H-1)       | 19. Shawn A. Shipp (H-36)       | 27. Mike McDanel (H-95)     |
| 4. Timothy B. Shields (S-12)   | 12. Robert D. Garrard (H-10) | 20. S. Mike Kiegerl (H-43)      | 28. Mickey O'Donnell (H-98) |
| 5. Peggy Palmer (S-16)         | 13. Michael Kerner (H-12)    | 21. Thomas Abbey Lessman (H-53) | 29. Phil Hill (H-105)       |
| 6. Mike Petersen (S-28)        | 14. Forrest Knox (H-13)      | 22. Richard Carlson (H-61)      | 30. Mitch Holmes (H-114)    |
| 7. Treatha Brown-Foster (S-29) | 15. Dawn Bly (H-16)          | 23. John C. Grange (H-75)       |                             |
| 8. James Robbins (S-32)        | 16. Mary Pilcher Cook (H-18) | 24. Kalor Hebron (H-82)         |                             |

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

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| 1. Ed Pugh (S-1)       | 3. Paul Feleciano Jr. (S-28) | 5. Dan Williams (H-14) | 7. William G. Mason (H-75) |
| 2. Robert Tyson (S-12) | 4. Stan Clark (S-40)         | 6. Vern Osborne (H-61) |                            |

### These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, but have not yet signed for their Senate candidacy:

1. Daniel Thimesch (H-93/S-26)
2. Ralph Ostmeyer (H-115/S-40)

*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)*