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Michigan: 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 Michigan, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Leon Drolet (H-33) | 4. Matt Milosch (H-55) | 7. Glenn Steil (H-72) |
| 2. John P. Garfield (H-45) | 5. Rick Shaffer (H-59) | |
| 3. David Robertson (H-51) | 6. Jacob W. Hoogendyk (H-61) | |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Edith L. Floyd (H-2) | 6. Robert Gosselin (H-41) | 11. Amy Lynn Richey (H-73) |
| 2. Daryl Stasik (H-13) | 7. Edmund Senkowski (H-47) | 12. David Okasinski (H-82) |
| 3. Jeff Lauster (H-16) | 8. Donald N. Wenk (H-48) | 13. Mariano Diaz (H-90) |
| 4. Robert Murphy (H-36) | 9. Vern Shultz (H-51) | 14. Stephen Goss (H-96) |
| 5. William H. Largent (H-37) | 10. Beth Chandler (H-67) | 15. Dave Kaltenbach (H-109) |

The following senators (not up for election this year) have also pledged to protect taxpayers:

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| 1. Alan Sanborn (S-11) | 3. Wayne Kuipers (S-30) | 5. Michael Goschka (S-32) |
| 2. Michael Bishop (S-12) | 4. Jim Barcia (S-31) | |

In addition, these representatives who are not running for re-election or are seeking federal office have pledged to protect taxpayers:

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| 1. John Pappageorge (H-41) | 3. Gene DeRossett (H-52) | 5. Stephen Ehardt (H-83) |
| 2. Ruth Johnson (H-46) | 4. Clark Bisbee (H-64) | 6. Kenneth Bradstreet (H-105) |

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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