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West Virginia's Taxpayer Friendly Candidates

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 1320 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) | 8. Linda Sumner (H-27) | 15. Doug Stalnaker (H-38) |
| 2. Michael Ross (S-15) | 9. Ron Thompson (H-27) | 16. Larry A. Williams (H-45) |
| 3. Christopher Wakim (H-3) | 10. Sally Matz Susman (H-27) | 17. Allen V. Evans (H-48) |
| 4. Otis Leggett (H-7) | 11. Tom Louisos (H-29) | 18. Robert A. Schadler (H-49) |
| 5. Larry Border (H-9) | 12. Ann Calvert (H-30) | 19. John Overington (H-55) |
| 6. Mitch B. Carmichael (H-12) | 13. Tim Armstead (H-32) | |
| 7. Kelli Sobonya (H-16) | 14. Ronald Walters (H-32) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. Monroe "Monty" Warner (Gov.) | 21. Christopher Troy Wood (H-13) | 41. William Salomon (H-35) |
| 2. Simon McLure (Gov.) | 22. Jack R. McLane (H-13) | 42. Jim Thompson (H-36) |
| 3. Hiram Lewis (Att. Gen.) | 23. Dennis Barry (H-15) | 43. Alan R. Balogh (H-37) |
| 4. Andrew B. Yost (Comm. of Agr.) | 24. Paula L. Stewart (H-15) | 44. Mulvie W. Grimes (H-37) |
| 5. Lisa Thornburg (Auditor) | 25. Matt Sabin (H-16) | 45. Bruce Haddix (H-37) |
| 6. Russ Snyder (S-2) | 26. Dave Litz (H-19) | 46. Jerome E. Heinemann (H-37) |
| 7. Jacob T. "Jake" Potter (S-6) | 27. William E. Williams (H-19) | 47. Derrick W. Love (H-38) |
| 8. Jack E. Fincham (S-9) | 28. Diane Shafer (H-20) | 48. William Robert Wright (H-40) |
| 9. Bob Johnson (S-11) | 29. Shawn Spears (H-22) | 49. Lamont "Mutt" Proctor (H-41) |
| 10. Steven Weaver (S-12) | 30. Mike Lushbaugh (H-23) | 50. James L. Scudere (H-41) |
| 11. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 31. Douglas C. Quesinberry (H-24) | 51. Brooks (CB) Sharp (H-41) |
| 12. David C. Sypolt (S-14) | 32. Thomas (Mike) Porter (H-25) | 52. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 13. Clark S. Barnes (S-15) | 33. Charles "Chuck" Carpenter (H-27) | 53. Thomas F. Smith (H-43) |
| 14. Rusty Webb (S-17) | 34. Ron Hedrick (H-27) | 54. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 15. Roger D. Madden (H-1) | 35. Charlie Freidman (H-28) | 55. W. Kent Pauley (H-44) |
| 16. Robert "Les" McNinch (H-2) | 36. Wandaleen Kincaid-Schallen (H-29) | 56. Deborah R. Stevens (H-46) |
| 17. Cody Lucey (H-4) | 37. Rebecca Mathews (H-30) | 57. Ruth Rowan (H-50) |
| 18. Ronald Morris (H-4) | 38. Charles Minimah (H-31) | 58. Victor Roberts (H-53) |
| 19. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5) | 39. Charles McKown (H-33) | 59. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |
| 20. Corbon Siders (H-12) | 40. Sam Argento (H-35) | |

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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.