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## Sam Blakeslee Signs ATR Pledge

-- Candidate for California Assembly Promises to Oppose Tax Increases --

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of candidate Sam Blakeslee. He is running for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly seat in California.

Mr. Blakeslee demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of California by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on July 17, 2003. He recommitted himself to taxpayers' interests on December 1, 2003. By signing the pledge, Blakeslee promises, “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

**As of today’s date, over 1200 state legislators have signed the Pledge. Nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, 217 U.S. representatives, 42 U.S. senators, and President George W. Bush have signed similar versions of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.**

“Sam Blakeslee joins numerous lawmakers and candidates at the state and federal levels who have committed themselves to principles of limited government,” **commented Grover Norquist, President of ATR.**

“I applaud Mr. Blakeslee for his commitment to the taxpayers of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly district and all of the taxpayers of California. I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”

**ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. To obtain a copy of the Pledge, or to learn more about it, please visit [www.ATR.org](http://www.ATR.org) or call Paul Proski at (202) 785-0266.**

*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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jcollegio@atr.org](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).*