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Tom Keating Signs ATR Pledge

-- Gubernatorial Candidate in Montana Promises to Oppose Tax Increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of candidate Tom Keating, former Montana state senator, who has embarked on the gubernatorial campaign trail.

Senator Keating demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of Montana by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on December 10, 2003. By signing the pledge, Keating promises “to oppose and veto 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.

“Tom Keating 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. “He understands that the people have to live within their budgets, and that government should do the same.”

“I applaud Senator Keating for his commitment to all taxpayers of Montana. 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 or call Paul Prososki 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.