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# Mark Graves Signs ATR Pledge

**-- Candidate for Texas House Promises to Oppose Tax Increases --**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of candidate Mark Graves. He is running for the 1<sup>st</sup> House district in Texas.

Mr. Graves demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of Texas by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on February 25, 2004. By signing the pledge, he promises “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

As of today’s date, over 1220 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.

“Mark Graves 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. Graves for his commitment to the taxpayers of the 1<sup>st</sup> House district and all of the taxpayers of Texas. 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 to taxing-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).*