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Texas Politicians Commit to Tax Reform

Texas candidates and incumbents alike formally commit themselves to tax reform by signing the Pledge.

WASHINGTON – Texan politicians have once again renewed their promise to taxpayers; this year’s congressional candidates joined their voices with that of many incumbents by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge offered by Americans for Tax Reform. In signing the pledge, these individuals have vowed to “oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses...and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing taxes.”

ATR has offered the Pledge to all federal candidates since 1987. To date, President George W. Bush, 42 U.S. Senators and 217 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as eight governors and over 1,190 state representatives have taken the ATR Pledge. Additionally, 11 State Senators and 24 members of the State House of Representatives have signed the state-specific version of the Pledge.

“These candidates and incumbents have demonstrated their position on fiscal responsibility to constituents by taking the Pledge,” said Grover Norquist, taxpayer advocate and president of ATR. “I applaud the commitment these Texans have made to their state and their responsible ideals when it comes to spending,” continued Norquist. “Texans should be proud of both their incumbents and candidates and join me in applauding their dedication.”

“America needs leaders who are committed to protecting taxpayers, and signing our Pledge demonstrates that kind of leadership,” said Grover Norquist. “I strongly encourage every candidate for federal and state elective office to sign the Pledge,” Norquist continued.

Texas Federal Pledge Signers:

Incumbents

Sam Johnson (3rd)
Ralph Hall (4th)
Jeb Hensarling (5th)
Joe Barton (6th)
John Culberson (7th)
Kevin Brady (8th)
Kay Granger (12th)
Mac Thornberry (13th)
Ron Paul (14th)
Randy Neugebauer (19th)
Lamar Smith (21st)

Tom DeLay (22nd)
Henry Bonilla (23rd)
Michael Burgess (26th)
John Carter (31st)
Pete Sessions (32nd)
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Senator John Cornyn
Candidates
John Graves (1st)
Lyle Thorstenson (1st)
Wayne Christian (1st)
Clint Moore (2nd)

George Fastuca (2nd)
John Nickell (2nd)
Ted Poe (2nd)
Michael McCaul (10th)
Dave Phillips (10th)
Bob Streusand (10th)
Mike Conaway (11th)
David McIntyre (17th)
Dot Snyder (17th)
Arlene Wohlgenuth (17th)
Rob Beckham (17th)
Kenny Marchant (24th)

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For further information, contact Kathryn Stockhausen by phone or at kstockhausen@atr.org

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