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Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for Primary Next Tuesday

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) asks all candidates for federal and state office to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and thus demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. **By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Pledge signers are in good company: 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 1290 state legislators.

“Signing the Pledge is the single most important step a candidate or incumbent can take to demonstrate his or her commitment to taxpayers’ interests,” said Grover Norquist, President of ATR. **“I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every incumbent and candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”** In Arizona, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE:

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| 1. Kenneth Bennett (S-1) | 8. Marilyn Jarrett (S-19) | 15. Linda Gray (H-10) |
| 2. Jack Harper (S-4) | 9. Thayer Verschoor (S-22) | 16. Karen Johnson (H-18) |
| 3. Dean Martin (S-6) | 10. Jake Flake (H-5) | 17. Russell Pearce (H-18) |
| 4. Bob Burns (S-9) | 11. Clancy Jayne (H-6) | 18. Chuck Gray (H-19) |
| 5. James Weiers (S-10) | 12. John M. Allen (H-11/ curr. H-7) | 19. Gary Pierce (H-19) |
| 6. Barbara Leff (S-11) | 13. Colette Rosati (H-8) | 20. John Huppenthal (S-20/curr. H-20) |
| 7. Robert Blendu (S-12) | 14. Bob Stump (H-9) | |

NEW CANDIDATES WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE:

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| 1. Ron Gould (S-3) | 6. Pamela Gorman (H-6) | 11. Anton Orlich (H-20) |
| 2. Rodney Martin (S-24) | 7. David Burnell Smith (H-7) | 12. Steve Flynn (H-23) |
| 3. Leslie E. Thompson (S-25) | 8. Jerry Weiers (H-12) | 13. David Gowan (H-30) |
| 4. John Crockett (H-1) | 9. Joel Beckwith (H-20) | 14. Jonathan Paton (H-30) |
| 5. Judy Burges (H-4) | 10. Jeff Dial (H-20) | |

The following incumbent signer is running for federal office this year and has also signed the federal Pledge:

1. Randy Graf (H-30)

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.

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