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## Carl J. Haas Signs ATR Pledge

-- Representative Carl J. Haas of Vermont Promises to Oppose Tax  
Increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of Vermont Representative Carl J. Haas. He represents the voters of Rutland City 5-3.

**“Representative Haas demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of Vermont by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on April 14, 2004. By signing the pledge, Carl J. Haas 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, 216 U.S. representatives, 42 U.S. senators, and President George W. Bush have signed similar versions of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

**“Representative Haas 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 Representative Haas for his commitment to the taxpayers of Rutland City 5-3 and all of the taxpayers of Vermont. 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.”**

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

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