



NEWS

AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Sandra Fabry
Paul Proski
202-785-0266

20 SEPTEMBER 2004

Who Will Defend Colorado Taxpayers?

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 1310 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 Colorado, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Ron May (S-10) | 6. Lynn Christian Hefley (H-20) | 11. Joe Stengel (H-38) |
| 2. David Schultheis (H-14) | 7. Keith King (H-21) | 12. Kevin Lundberg (H-49) |
| 3. Bill L. Cadman (H-15) | 8. John Witwer (H-25) | 13. Jim Welker (H-51) |
| 4. Mark Cloer (H-17) | 9. Don Lee (H-28) | 14. Mark Larson (H-59) |
| 5. Richard Decker (H-19) | 10. Pam Rhodes (H-31) | 15. Greg Brophy (H-63) |

NEW CANDIDATES

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jeff Taton (H-6) | 4. Shane Ortega (H-30) | 7. Ronald W. Hartman (H-62) |
| 2. Kent Lambert (H-18) | 5. David Borstel (H-32) | |
| 3. Michael T. McKinzie (H-23) | 6. David Balmer (H-39) | |

The following incumbent has signed for his current House tenure, but has not yet signed for his candidacy in the Senate:

1. Shawn Mitchell (S-23/curr. H-33)

In addition, the following incumbents who are not up for re-election this year have signed the Pledge:

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Gov. Bill Owens | 4. Kenneth Kester (S-2) | 7. Alice Nichol (S-24) |
| 2. Treas. Mike Coffman | 5. Doug Lamborn (S-9) | |
| 3. Mark Hillman (S-1) | 6. Dave Owen (S-13) | |

The following incumbent pledge signers are not running again:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. John Andrews (S-27) | 3. Rob Fairbank (H-22) |
| 2. William Sinclair (H-16) | 4. Tambor Williams (H-50) |

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.