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Who Will Defend Florida 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 Florida, the following Pledge signers have either won their primary election on August 31, or were running unopposed:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

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| 1. Nancy Argenziano (S-3) | 9. Aaron Bean (H-12) | 17. Frank Farkas (H-52) | 25. Gayle Harrell (H-81) |
| 2. Stephen Wise (S-5) | 10. Jennifer Carroll (H-13) | 18. Ken Littlefield (H-61) | 26. Joe Negron (H-82) |
| 3. Daniel Webster (S-9) | 11. Don Davis (H-18) | 19. John Stargel (H-64) | 27. Mike Davis (H-101) |
| 4. Mike Fasano (S-11) | 12. Dennis Baxley (H-24) | 20. Baxter G. Troutman (H-66) | 28. Marco Rubio (H-111) |
| 5. Carey Baker (S-20/curr. H-25) | 13. Fredrick C. Brummer (H-38) | 21. Bruce Kyle (H-73) | 29. David Rivera (H-112) |
| 6. Jeff Atwater (S-25) | 14. Hugh Gibson (H-42) | 22. Jeff Kottkamp (H-74) | 30. Julio Robaina (H-117) |
| 7. Burt Saunders (S-37) | 15. David D. Russell (H-44) | 23. J. Dudley Goodlette (H-76) | 31. Ken Sorenson (H-120) |
| 8. Allen Bense (H-6) | 16. Leslie Waters (H-51) | 24. Frank Attkisson (H-79) | |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Ron Scott (H-1) | 5. Dean Cannon (H-35) | 9. Walt Augustinowicz (H-71) |
| 2. Mitch Covington (H-9) | 6. Kim Snow (H-47) | 10. Paige Kreegel (H-72) |
| 3. William L. Proctor (H-20) | 7. Rich Glorioso (H-62) | 11. Ed Heeney (H-88) |
| 4. Roy Roberts (H-23) | 8. Michael J. Grant (H-71) | |

The following Pledge signers are not up for re-election this year:

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| 1. Durrell Peaden (S-2) | 3. Anna Cowin (S-20) | 5. Mike Haridopolos (S-26) |
| 2. Jim Sebesta (S-16) | 4. Bill Posey (S-24) | 6. Ken Pruitt (S-28) |

The following Pledge signers are not running again:

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| 1. Jim Kallinger (H-35) | 3. Sandra L. Murman (H-56) | 5. Carole Green (H-75) |
| 2. Heather Fiorentino (H-46) | 4. Lindsay Harrington (H-72) | |

The following state Pledge signer is running for federal office this year, and has signed the federal Pledge for her candidacy.

1. Bev Kilmer (curr. H-7)

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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