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### Primary Tomorrow – Who Will Defend Florida’s 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 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 Florida, the following people have signed the Pledge:

#### 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. Frank Attkisson (H-79) |
| 2. Stephen Wise (S-5)            | 10. Jennifer Carroll (H-13)    | 18. Ken Littlefield (H-61)     | 26. Gayle Harrell (H-81)   |
| 3. Daniel Webster (S-9)          | 11. Don Davis (H-18)           | 19. John Stargel (H-64)        | 27. Joe Negron (H-82)      |
| 4. Mike Fasano (S-11)            | 12. Dennis Baxley (H-24)       | 20. Baxter G. Troutman (H-66)  | 28. Mike Davis (H-101)     |
| 5. Carey Baker (S-20/curr. H-25) | 13. Fredrick C. Brummer (H-38) | 21. Bruce Kyle (H-73)          | 29. Marco Rubio (H-111)    |
| 6. Jeff Atwater (S-25)           | 14. Hugh Gibson (H-42)         | 22. Jeff Kottkamp (H-74)       | 30. David Rivera (H-112)   |
| 7. Burt Saunders (S-37)          | 15. David D. Russell (H-44)    | 23. Carole Green (H-75)        | 31. Julio Robaina (H-117)  |
| 8. Allen Bense (H-6)             | 16. Leslie Waters (H-51)       | 24. J. Dudley Goodlette (H-76) | 32. Ken Sorenson (H-120)   |

#### NEW CANDIDATES:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Johnny Barto Smith (H-25) | 4. Michael J. Grant (H-71)   | 7. Ken Roberson (H-72)     |
| 2. Larry Metz (H-25)         | 5. Walt Augustinowicz (H-71) | 8. Ralph Livingston (H-75) |
| 3. Frank Shannon (H-56)      | 6. Paige Kreegel (H-72)      | 9. Charles J. Winn (H-81)  |

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

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| 1. Durell 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)   |
| 2. Heather Fiorentino (H-46) | 4. Lindsay Harrington (H-72) |

#### The following state Pledge signers are running for federal office this year, and have signed the federal Pledge for their candidacies.

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| 1. Bev Kilmer (curr. H-7) | 2. Johnnie B. Byrd, Jr. (curr. H-62) |
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*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](mailto:cbutler@atr.org).*

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