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Illinois: These Candidates Have Pledged To Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 276 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.

In Illinois, the following candidates have chosen to side with the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Susan Garrett (S-29) | 7. Timothy L. Schmitz (H-49) | 14. Gary Hannig (H-98) |
| 2. Ralph Capparelli (H-20/curr. H-15) | 8. Jack Franks (H-63) | 15. Ron Stephens (H-102) |
| 3. Michael P. McAuliffe (H-20) | 9. Ron Wait (H-69) | 16. Bill Grunloh (H-108) |
| 4. Robert S. Molaro (H-21) | 10. Robert W. Pritchard (H-70) | 17. Steve Davis (H-111) |
| 5. Robert Biggins (H-41) | 11. Michael Boland (H-71) | 18. Mike Bost (H-115) |
| 6. Patricia Bellock (H-47) | 12. Richard Myers (H-94) | |
| | 13. Joe Dunn (H-96) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. William C. “Bill” Miceli (H-15) | 3. Jeff Choudhry (H-72) | 5. Larry Rudder (H-111) |
| 2. Joseph M. Wiegand (H-70) | 4. Doug Hayse (H-75) | 6. Leslie Donelson (H-11) |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have also pledged not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Ray Soden (S-23) | 4. Wendell Jones (S-27) | 7. John Jones (S-54) |
| 2. Kirk Dillard (S-24) | 5. Dave Syverson (S-34) | 8. John Philip Novak (H-79) |
| 3. Chris Lauzen (S-25) | 6. Ed Petka (S-42) | 9. Julie Curry (H-101) |

In addition, the following candidate has signed for her current tenure in the House, but has not yet signed for her candidacy in the Senate:

1. Kathleen Wojcik (S-28/curr. H-56)

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.