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## Illinois' Taxpayer Friendly Candidates

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 Illinois, the following people have signed the Pledge:

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Susan Garrett (S-29)               | 8. Jack Franks (H-63)          | 16. Ron Stephens (H-102) |
| 2. Ralph Capparelli (H-20/curr. H-15) | 9. Ron Wait (H-69)             | 17. Bill Grunloh (H-108) |
| 3. Michael P. McAuliffe (H-20)        | 10. Robert W. Pritchard (H-70) | 18. Steve Davis (H-111)  |
| 4. Robert S. Molaro (H-21)            | 11. Michael Boland (H-71)      | 19. Mike Bost (H-115)    |
| 5. Robert Biggins (H-41)              | 12. Patrick Verschoore (H-72)  | 20. John Bradley (H-117) |
| 6. Patricia Bellock (H-47)            | 13. Richard Myers (H-94)       |                          |
| 7. Timothy L. Schmitz (H-49)          | 14. Joe Dunn (H-96)            |                          |
|                                       | 15. Gary Hannig (H-98)         |                          |

### New Candidates:

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| 1. Joseph R. Hedrick (S-8)         | 4. Joseph M. Wiegand (H-70) | 7. Larry Rudder (H-111)   |
| 2. William C. “Bill” Miceli (H-15) | 5. Jeff Choudhry (H-72)     | 8. Leslie Donelson (H-11) |
| 3. Stephen Szayevicz (H-57)        | 6. Doug Hayse (H-75)        |                           |

### 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:

*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).*

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