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Kansas: Taxpayer Friendly Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following taxpayer-friendly candidates who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for making it through the primary election on August 3. 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 joined 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1290 state legislators.

In Kansas, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Mark Gilstrap (S-5) | 8. Tim Huelskamp (S-38) | 15. Don Meyers (H-82) | 22. Dale Swenson (H-97) |
| 2. Kay O'Connor (S-9) | 9. Andrew Howell (H-4) | 16. Jo Ann Pottorf (H-83) | 23. Todd Novascone (H-99) |
| 3. Jim Barone (S-13) | 10. Jene Vickrey (H-6) | 17. Steven Brunk (H-85) | 24. Mary Kauffman (H-101) |
| 4. David Jackson (S-18) | 11. Ray Cox (H-39) | 18. Bonnie Huy (H-87) | 25. Melvin Neufeld (H-115) |
| 5. Karin Brownlee (S-23) | 12. Don Dahl (H-70) | 19. Steve Heubert (H-90) | |
| 6. Phillip Journey (S-26) | 13. Peggy Long (H-76) | 20. Brenda Landwehr (H-91) | |
| 7. Susan Wagle (S-30) | 14. Ted Powers (H-81) | 21. Willa DeCastro (H-96) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. Dennis Pyle (S-1) | 9. Bill D. Earnest (S-36) | 17. Patricia Kilpatrick (H-29) | 24. Shawn Smith (H-83) |
| 2. Joy R. Holt (S-6) | 10. Stephen Corn (H-1) | 18. Shawn A. Shipp (H-36) | 25. Monty Cruse (H-88) |
| 3. D. Eric West (S-8) | 11. Robert D. Garrard (H-10) | 19. S. Mike Kiegerl (H-43) | 26. Mike McDanel (H-95) |
| 4. Timothy B. Shields (S-12) | 12. Michael Kerner (H-12) | 20. Thomas Abbey Lessman (H-27) | 27. Mickey O'Donnell (H-98) |
| 5. Peggy Palmer (S-16) | 13. Forrest Knox (H-13) | 53) | 28. Phil Hill (H-105) |
| 6. Mike Petersen (S-28) | 14. Dawn Bly (H-16) | 21. Richard Carlson (H-61) | 29. Mitch Holmes (H-114) |
| 7. Treatha Brown-Foster (S-29) | 15. Mary Pilcher Cook (H-18) | 22. John C. Grange (H-75) | |
| 8. James Robbins (S-32) | 16. Rob Hodgkinson (H-27) | 23. Kalor Hebron (H-82) | |

The following incumbents who are not running again have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Ed Pugh (S-1) | 3. Paul Feleciano Jr. (S-28) | 5. Dan Williams (H-14) | 7. William G. Mason (H-75) |
| 2. Robert Tyson (S-12) | 4. Stan Clark (S-40) | 6. Vern Osborne (H-61) | |

These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, but have not yet signed for their Senate candidacy:

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| 1. Daniel Thimesch (H-93/S-26) | 2. Ralph Ostmeyer (H-115/S-40) |
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