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Message to Kansas Legislators Clear: Raise Taxes and Lose Office

— *Republican legislators who voted for tax increase lose primary.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Last spring, the GOP-led Kansas state legislature came within three votes of raising income taxes, sales taxes, and property taxes. On Tuesday, the people of Kansas got to cast their votes.

Almost without exception, those who voted for the tax increase package and faced a primary were defeated by anti-tax candidates. And the defeats were high profile – the Chairman of the tax-writing Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee, a lead proponent of the tax increase in the House, and the son of former U.S. Senator Nancy Kassebaum and grandson of former Governor Alf Landon.

“On Tuesday, the people of Kansas have made it clear that they will not stand for tax increases,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“They understand the threat that burdensome taxes pose to jobs and small businesses.”**

Representative Rob Boyer lost to Senator Kay O’Connor, 46 percent to 54 percent; Representative Cindy Neighbor was defeated by former incumbent legislator Mary Pilcher Cook, 46 percent to 55 percent; William A. Kassebaum lost to Shari Weber, 47 percent to 53 percent, and David R. Corbin was defeated by Peggy Palmer, 39 percent to 61 percent.

“Senator O’Connor, Mary Pilcher Cook, and Shari Weber will bring real fiscal leadership to the Kansas state legislature,” continued Norquist. **“They’ll protect the people of Kansas from the tax-and-spend interests that devastate businesses and families.”**

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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.