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Maine's 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 Maine, the following people have signed the Pledge: (First district number denotes district seat for which candidate is running, second denotes current seat.)

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION AND NEW CANDIDATES (Bold font denotes incumbents):

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| 1. Ronald Drouin (S-4) | 21. Earl Richardson (H-27/H-111) | 41. Edward W. Handsbee (H-83) |
| 2. Peter P. Throumoulos (S-5) | 22. James Annis (H-26/112) | 42. Stanly Moody (H-83/H-83) |
| 3. Carolyn Gilman (S-6/S-29) | 23. Winola Burke (H-31) | 43. Roger M. Lampert (H-90) |
| 4. Alfred Austin (S-10) | 24. Charles Berhalter (H-36) | 44. Gordon A. Fuller, Sr. (H-99) |
| 5. Karl Turner (S-11/S-26) | 25. Robert Crosthwaite (H-38/H-127) | 45. Philip Cressey, Jr. (H-99/H-47) |
| 6. Lois Snowe-Mello (S-15) | 26. Brian Duprey (H-39/H-114) | 46. Richard M. Cebra (H-101) |
| 7. James G. Simones (S-17) | 27. R. Kenneth Lindell (H-41) | 47. Robert Berube (H-104/H-84) |
| 8. Dana L. Dow (S-20) | 28. Jeff Kaelin (H-42/H-107) | 48. Michael Vaughan (H-105/H-85) |
| 9. Christine Savage (S-22/S-78) | 29. Stephan Bowen (H-46/H-63) | 49. Gerald Davis (H-112/H-40) |
| 10. Bruce A. Stafford (S-25) | 30. Wesley E. Richardson (H-49) | 50. David Elowitch (H-113) |
| 11. John D. Linnehan Jr. (S-28) | 31. David Trahan (H-50/H-59) | 51. Kimberly Diamond (H-115) |
| 12. Edward Youngblood (S-31/S-6) | 32. Jonathan McKane (H-51) | 52. John H. Linscott (H-116) |
| 13. Debra D. Plowman (S-33) | 33. Kenneth Fletcher (H-54/H-102) | 53. Harold Clough (H-128/H-22) |
| 14. Cathy Bauchard Martin (S-35) | 34. Billie Willard (H-53) | 54. Linda Smit (H-133) |
| 15. Rudolph St. Peter (H-2) | 35. Neil Farrington (H-55) | 55. Lawrence E. Jacobsen (H-139/H-12) |
| 16. Peter Edgecomb (H-4) | 36. R. Daniel King (H-60) | 56. Jeffrey E. McCulloh (H-141) |
| 17. Henry L. Joy (H-9/H-141) | 37. Andrea Murillo (H-66) | 57. David Bowles (H-142/H-9) |
| 18. Matthew Gagnon (H-14) | 38. Thomas F. Shields (H-68/H-72) | 58. Jack Copley (H-151) |
| 19. Tina M. Stimpson (H-16) | 39. Scott E. Lansley (H-75) | |
| 20. Douglas Thomas (H-24) | 40. Randall A. Greenwood (H-80) | |

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

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| 1. Thomas Murphy (H-8) | 4. James H. Tobin (H-126) |
| 2. Kenneth Honey (H-58) | 5. Eugene Churchill (H-128) |
| 3. Donald Berry, Sr. (H-109) | |

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

1. Anita Peavey Haskell (S-30/H-141)

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.

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