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## Mitch B. Carmichael Signs ATR Pledge

-- West Virginia Representative Promises to Oppose Tax Increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the pro-taxpayer platform of Representative Mitch B. Carmichael. He is representing the voters of the 12<sup>th</sup> House seat in West Virginia.

Representative Carmichael demonstrated his dedication to the taxpayers of West Virginia by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on April 16, 2004. By signing the pledge, he promises “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

As of today’s date, over 1225 state legislators have signed the Pledge. Nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, 216 U.S. representatives, 42 U.S. senators, and President George W. Bush have signed similar versions of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

“Mitch B. Carmichael joins numerous lawmakers and candidates at the state and federal levels who have committed themselves to principles of limited government,” commented Grover Norquist, President of ATR.

“I applaud Representative Carmichael for his commitment to the taxpayers of the 12<sup>th</sup> House district and all of the taxpayers of West Virginia. I extend the invitation to sign the pledge to every candidate running for office, in the hopes that more elected officials will dedicate themselves to taxpayers, rather than tax-and-spending.”

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. To obtain a copy of the Pledge, or to learn more about it, please visit [www.ATR.org](http://www.ATR.org) or call Paul Proski at (202) 785-0266.

*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](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).*

