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## Media Alert – Primary Election Tuesday

*- These Candidates Have Pledged to Protect Minnesota Taxpayers -*

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 1300 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 Minnesota, the following people have signed the Pledge:

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Loren A. Solberg (H-3B)    | 16. Marty Seifert (H-21A)    | 31. Ann Lenczewski (H-40B)    |
| 2. Doug Fuller (H-4A)         | 17. Bob Gunther (H-24A)      | 32. Peter Adolphson (H-42A)   |
| 3. Larry Howes (H-4B)         | 18. Lynda Boudreau (H-26B)   | 33. Erik Paulsen (H-42B)      |
| 4. Mary Murphy (H-6B)         | 19. Dan Dorman (H-27A)       | 34. Jeff Johnson (H-43A)      |
| 5. Paul Marquart (H-9B)       | 20. Jerry Dempsey (H-28A)    | 35. Lynne Osterman (H-45A)    |
| 6. Bud Nornes (H-10A)         | 21. Steve Sviggum (H-28B)    | 36. Bill Haas (H-47A)         |
| 7. Torrey Westrom (H-11A)     | 22. Gene Pelowski (H-31A)    | 37. Tom Hackbarth (H-48A)     |
| 8. Mary Ellen Otremba (H-11B) | 23. Arlon Lindner (H-32A)    | 38. Jim Abeler (H-48B)        |
| 9. Greg Blaine (H-12B)        | 24. Steven Smith (H-33A)     | 39. Andrew Westerberg (H-51A) |
| 10. Dan Severson (H-14A)      | 25. Barbara Sykora (H-33B)   | 40. Ray Vandever (H-52A)      |
| 11. Jim Knoblach (H-15A)      | 26. Paul Kohls (H-34A)       | 41. Phillip Krinkie (H-53A)   |
| 12. Sondra Erickson (H-16A)   | 27. Mark Buesgens (H-35B)    | 42. Carl Jacobson (H-54B)     |
| 13. Mark Olson (H-16B)        | 28. Mary Liz Holberg (H-36A) | 43. Karen Klinzing (H-56B)    |
| 14. Rob Eastlund (H-17A)      | 29. Tim Wilkin (H-38A)       |                               |
| 15. Bruce Anderson (H-19A)    | 30. Duke Powell (H-40A)      |                               |

### NEW CANDIDATES WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE:

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| 1. Frank Moe (H-4A)   | 3. Keith A. Porter, Sr. (H-27A) | 5. Michael Heilmann (H-62-B) |
| 2. Marv Begin (H-12B) | 4. Randy Elledge (H-40B)        | 6. Gregory W. LeMay (H-67-B) |

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No Senate seats are up this year. The following incumbent state senators have signed the Pledge:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Cal Larson (S-10)      | 10. Dick Day (S-26)        | 19. Geoff Michel (S-41)     |
| 2. Dallas Sams (S-11)     | 11. Bob Kierlin (S-31)     | 20. David Hann (S-42)       |
| 3. Paul Koering (S-12)    | 12. Warren Limmer (S-32)   | 21. Mike Jungbauer (S-48)   |
| 4. Dean Johnson (S-13)    | 13. Gen Olson (S-33)       | 22. Michele Bachmann (S-52) |
| 5. Dave Kleis (S-15)      | 14. Julianne Ortman (S-34) | 23. Mady Reiter (S-53)      |
| 6. Sean Nienow (S-17)     | 15. Claire Robling (S-35)  | 24. Charles Wiger (S-55)    |
| 7. Mark Ourada (S-19)     | 16. Pat Pariseau (S-36)    | 25. Brian Le Clair (S-56)   |
| 8. Jim Vickerman (S-22)   | 17. Dave Knutson (S-37)    |                             |
| 9. Thomas Neuville (S-25) | 18. Mike McGinn (S-38)     |                             |

The following incumbent Pledge signers are not seeking re-election:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Dale Walz (H-12A)      | 4. Elaine Harder (H-22B) | 7. Eric Lipman (H-56A) |
| 2. Doug Stang (H-14B)     | 5. Chris Gerlach (H-37A) |                        |
| 3. Tony Kielkucki (H-18A) | 6. Alice Seagren (H-41B) |                        |

*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).*

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