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## Missouri'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 Missouri, the following people have signed the Pledge:

### INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. John Loudon (S-7)      | 8. Cynthia Davis (H-19)   | 15. Jim Lembke (H-85)      | 22. Van Kelly (H-144)        |
| 2. Charles Gross (S-23)   | 9. Jason Brown (H-30)     | 16. Jack Jackson (H-89)    | 23. Mike Dethrow (H-153)     |
| 3. John Quinn (H-7)       | 10. Susan Phillips (H-32) | 17. Brian D. Nieves (H-98) | 24. Peter Myers, Sr. (H-160) |
| 4. Sherman Parker (H-12)  | 11. Doug Ervin (H-35)     | 18. Ed Emery (H-126)       | 25. Otto Bean, Jr. (H-163)   |
| 5. Scott Rupp (H-13)      | 12. Bryan T. Pratt (H-55) | 19. Steve Hunter (H-127)   |                              |
| 6. Joe Smith (H-14)       | 13. Brian Yates (H-56)    | 20. Mark Wright (H-137)    |                              |
| 7. Vicki Schneider (H-17) | 14. Allen Icet (H-84)     | 21. Brad Roark (H-139)     |                              |

### NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. John M. Swenson (Gov.)       | 6. Bob Nance (H-36)           | 12. Jeanette Wansing (H-76)   | 18. Keith L. Rodgers (H-134) |
| 2. Mike Ferguson (Lt. Gov.)     | 7. Will Kraus (H-48)          | 13. Jim Craig (H-85)          | 19. Luther Meadows (H-141)   |
| Chet Southworth (S-11)          | 8. Michael R. Brown (H-50)    | 14. Marvin Lutes (H-102)      | 20. John W. Williams (H-147) |
| 3. Bill Stoufer (S-21)          | 9. David Anway (H-51)         | 15. Ted Varner (H-104)        | 21. Nathan Cooper (H-158)    |
| 4. Christopher S. Morill (S-27) | 10. Robert Christopher (H-59) | 16. Gilbert Rains (H-110)     |                              |
| 5. Gregory Arrigo (H-11)        | 11. Patricia Verde (H-64)     | 17. Michael L. Parson (H-133) |                              |

In addition, the following incumbents have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Anita Yeckel (S-1) | 3. Bill I. Foster (S-25) | 5. Jerry King (H-125) |
| 2. Matt Bartle (S-8)  | 4. Annie Reinhart (H-34) |                       |

The following incumbent has signed for his current tenure in the House, but has not yet signed for his candidacy for the Senate:

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| 1. Chuck Purgason (S-33) | 2. Jason Crowell (H-158) |
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