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## Montana: These Candidates for November Have Pledged to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. 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, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1270 state legislators.

**In Montana, these Pledge signers have either won their primaries or were running unopposed:**

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

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| 1. <b>Jerry O’Neil (S-3)</b>    | 9. Christopher A. Gregory (H-23) | 17. <b>John Sinrud (H-67)</b> |
| 2. <b>Joe Balyeat (S-34)</b>    | 10. <b>Edward Butcher (H-29)</b> | 18. <b>Scott Sales (H-68)</b> |
| 3. Earl Ted Washburn (S-33)     | 11. <b>Dave Kasten (H-30)</b>    | 19. Jack M. Wells (H-69)      |
| 4. <b>Rick Maedje (H-2)</b>     | 12. Dennis Pitman (H-48)         | 20. Roger Koopman (H-70)      |
| 5. <b>Verdell Jackson (H-6)</b> | 13. <b>Don Roberts (H-56)</b>    | 21. Lynn Stumberg (H-79)      |
| 6. Timothy R. Martin (H-7)      | 14. <b>Penny Morgan (H-57)</b>   | 22. Bob Lake (H-88)           |
| 7. Rick Jore (H-12)             | 15. <b>Pat Wagman (H-62)</b>     | 29. Lou Hatch (H-100)         |
| 8. Jonathan David Martin (H-22) | 16. Page Lutes (H-64)            |                               |

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

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| 1. Mike Sprague (S-6) | 4. Aubyn Curtiss (S-41) | 7. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (H-71) |
| 2. Rick Laible (S-30) | 5. Daniel Fuchs (H-15)  | 8. Stanley Fisher (H-75)          |
| 3. Bob Keenan (S-38)  | 6. Dave Lewis (H-55)    |                                   |

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

1. Jim Shockley (S-45)

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