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Montana'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 Montana, the following people have signed the Pledge:

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

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| 1. Jerry O’Neil (S-3) | 10. Christopher A. Gregory (H-23) | 19. Scott Sales (H-68) |
| 2. Earl Ted Washburn (S-33) | 11. Dave Kasten (H-30) | 20. Jack M. Wells (H-69) |
| 3. Russell D. Brown (H-1) | 12. Dennis Pitman (H-48) | 21. Roger Koopman (H-70) |
| 4. Rick Maedje (H-2) | 13. Paul D. Lytle (H-56) | 22. Lynn Stumberg (H-79) |
| 5. Verdell Jackson (H-6) | 14. Don Roberts (H-56) | 23. Bob Lake (H-88) |
| 6. Timothy R. Martin (H-7) | 15. Penny Morgan (H-57) | 24. Pascal Redfern (H-96) |
| 7. Rick Jore (H-12) | 16. Pat Wagman (H-62) | 25. Lou Hatch (H-100) |
| 8. Renn Bodeker (H-13) | 17. Page Lutes (H-64) | |
| 9. Jonathan David Martin (H-22) | 18. John Sinrud (H-67) | |

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) | |

These incumbents have signed the Pledge for their current tenure in the House, and have re-signed for their Senate candidacy:

1. Joe Balyeat (H-32/ S-34)
2. Edward Butcher (S-47/ H-29)

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

1. Jim Shockley (H-61/ S-45)

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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