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## Montana: These Primary Candidates Have Pledged to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR. 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, 216 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 1260 state legislators.

**In Montana, these people have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of Montana and signed the Pledge:**

### CANDIDATES FOR STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

1. Pat Davison (Governor)
2. Tom Keating (Governor)
3. David A Mihalic (Lt. Governor)

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

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| 1. Steve C. Crawford (S-2)       | 11. Christopher A. Gregory (H-23) | 21. <b>John Sinrud (H-67)</b>    |
| 2. <b>Jerry O’Neil (S-3)</b>     | 12. <b>Edward Butcher (H-29)</b>  | 22. <b>Scott Sales (H-68)</b>    |
| 3. <b>Joe Balyeat (S-34)</b>     | 13. <b>Dave Kasten (H-30)</b>     | 23. Jack M. Wells (H-69)         |
| 4. Earl Ted Washburn (S-33)      | 14. Frank Picos (H-35)            | 24. Roger Koopman (H-70)         |
| 5. <b>Rick Maedje (H-2)</b>      | 15. Dennis Pitman (H-48)          | 25. Lynn Stumberg (H-79)         |
| 6. <b>Verdell Jackson (H-6)</b>  | 16. <b>Don Roberts (H-56)</b>     | 26. Bob Lake (H-88)              |
| 7. Timothy R. Martin (H-7)       | 17. <b>Penny Morgan (H-57)</b>    | 27. Kandi Matthew-Jenkins (H-95) |
| 8. Rick Jore (H-12)              | 18. <b>Pat Wagman (H-62)</b>      | 28. Earle Reimer (H-99)          |
| 9. H.R. “Harry” Kenck (H-14)     | 19. James R. Boorman (H-63)       | 29. Lou Hatch (H-100)            |
| 10. Jonathan David Martin (H-22) | 20. 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)

*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).*