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New Mexico'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 New Mexico, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. William Sharer (S-1) | 8. Gay G. Kernan (S-42) | 15. Dianne Miller Hamilton (H-38) |
| 2. Sue Wilson Beffort (S-19) | 9. Richard Cheney (H-2) | 16. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (H-44) |
| 3. Kent Cravens (S-21) | 10. Irvin Harrison (H-5) | 17. Gloria Vaughn (H-51) |
| 4. Joseph J. Carraro (S-23) | 11. Ted Hobbs (H-20) | 18. W.C. (Dub) Williams (H-56) |
| 5. Stuart Ingle (S-27) | 12. Eric Youngberg (H-23) | 19. Daniel Foley (H-57) |
| 6. Rod Adair (S-33) | 13. Thomas Anderson (H-29) | 20. Avon W. Wilson (H-59) |
| 7. Leonard Lee Rawson (S-37) | 14. William E. Boykin (H-37) | |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Gwen Poe (S-12) | 7. Freda B. Garnanez (H-4) | 13. Justine Fox Young (H-30) |
| 2. Fernando E. C De Baca (S-14) | 8. John Butterfield (H-7) | 14. Greg Payne (H-31) |
| 3. Mary A. Gilbert (S-17) | 9. Michael Pyles (H-9) | 15. Ida Kay Chandler (H-32) |
| 4. Robert E. Mallin (S-25) | 10. Deborah A. Torza (H-16) | 16. Mary L. Thompson (H-36) |
| 5. Lee S. Cotter (S-36) | 11. Kathy McCoy (H-22) | 17. F. Gregg Bemis (H-47) |
| 6. Al Lopez (S-39) | 12. Kathie Leyendecker (H-26) | 18. Glenn Walters (H-60) |

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

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| 1. Ramsay L. Gorham (S-10) | 3. Joseph M. Thompson (H-31) |
| 2. Ron Godbey (H-22) | |

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