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Media Alert – Primary Election Tuesday

- These Candidates Have Pledged to Protect New York's Taxpayers -

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 1300 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 York, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

1. Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (H-2)
2. James D. Conte (H-10)
3. Michael Benjamin (H-79)
4. Willis H. Stephens (H-99)
5. Patrick R. Manning (H-103)
6. Brian Kolb (H-129)
7. Sandra Lee Wirth (H-142)
8. Daniel J. Burling (H-147)
9. Jim Hayes (H-148)

NEW CANDIDATES

1. Egidio J. Sementilli (S-34)
2. Matthew J. Bova (S-62)

The following Pledge signer is running for federal office this year, and has yet to sign the federal Pledge:

1. Brian Higgins (H-145)

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.