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Ohio: Taxpayer Friendly Candidates for November

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform congratulates the following ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge signers, who have either won their primary elections on March 2, 2004 or are running unopposed. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent promises “to oppose [and vote against/veto] any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates have joined President Bush, nine governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1260 incumbent state legislators, all of whom have pledged to oppose tax increases. ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents.

In Ohio, the following Pledge signers have either won their primaries or are running unopposed: (Boldfaced font denotes leadership position. Underlined font denotes new pledge signer for 2003-04.)

INCUMBENTS

1. Jeff Jacobson (S-6)
2. Jim Jordan (S-12)
3. Robert F. Spada (S-24)
4. John Peterson (H-2)
5. James Peter Trakas (H-17)
6. Tom Brinkman (H-34)
7. Arlene Setzer (H-36)
8. John Husted (H-37)
9. John White (H-38)
10. David Evans (H-71)
11. Derrick Seaver (H-78)

CANDIDATES

1. Melvin Andrew Smith (S-4)
2. Beverly Valencic (H-7)
3. Ron Hood (H-9)
4. Wayne Coates (H-28)
5. Nicolas Keller (H-60)
6. B.J. Kresnye (H-63)
7. Randy Law (H-64)
8. Don Johnson (H-65)
9. Andrew Manning (H-68)
10. Matthew Soliday (H-74)
11. Gregory T. Miller (H-78)
12. Patrick Lanaghan (H-95)

In addition to these candidates, three state senators, who are not up for election this year, are Pledge signers.

1. Lynn Wachtmann (S-1)
2. Kevin Coughlin (S-27)
3. Jay Hottinger (S-31)

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.