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Ohio's Taxpayer-Friendly Candidates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. By signing the pledge, a candidate/incumbent commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

These candidates have joined President Bush, 217 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 42 U.S. senators, eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers and over 1280 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 candidates and incumbents have chosen to side with the taxpayers of Ohio and signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

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| 1. Jeff Jacobson (S-6) | 4. John Peterson (H-2) | 7. Tom Brinkman (H-34) | 10. John White (H-38) |
| 2. Jim Jordan (S-12) | 5. James Peter Trakas (H-17) | 8. Arlene Setzer (H-36) | 11. David Evans (H-71) |
| 3. Robert F. Spada (S-24) | 6. Linda Reidelbach (H-21) | 9. John Husted (H-37) | 12. Derrick Seaver (H-78) |

CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Melvin Andrew Smith (S-4) | 5. Anthony Cefaratti (H-12) | 9. B.J. Kresnye (H-63) | 13. Andrew Manning (H-68) |
| 2. Bob Matius (S-24) | 6. Wayne Coates (H-28) | 10. Timothy Cassell (H-63) | 14. Matthew Soliday (H-74) |
| 3. Beverly Valencic (H-7) | 7. Nicolas Keller (H-60) | 11. Randy Law (H-64) | 15. Gregory T. Miller (H-78) |
| 4. Ron Hood (H-9) | 8. Randy Pope (H-61) | 12. Don Johnson (H-65) | 16. Patrick Lanaghan (H-95) |

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

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

The following incumbent pledge signers are subject to term limits and will no longer represent their districts after the election:

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| 1. Scott R. Nein (S-4) | 3. Robert A. Gardner (S-18) | 5. Jamie Callender (H-62) |
| 2. Doug White (S-14) | 4. James Carnes (S-20) | 6. Ron Young (H-63) |

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.