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## Ohio'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 Ohio, the following people have 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) |

### NEW CANDIDATES:

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Melvin Andrew Smith (S-4) | 6. Wayne Coates (H-28)     | 11. Randy Law (H-64)         | 16. David A. Combs (H-82)   |
| 2. Bob Matius (S-24)         | 7. Nicolas Keller (H-60)   | 12. Don Johnson (H-65)       | 17. Patrick Lanaghan (H-95) |
| 3. Beverly Valencic (H-7)    | 8. Randy Pope (H-61)       | 13. Andrew Manning (H-68)    |                             |
| 4. Ron Hood (H-9)            | 9. B.J. Kresnye (H-63)     | 14. Matthew Soliday (H-74)   |                             |
| 5. Anthony Cefaratti (H-12)  | 10. Timothy Cassell (H-63) | 15. Gregory T. Miller (H-78) |                             |

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) |                         |

These 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)       |

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