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Who Will Defend Oregon'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 1290 state legislators.

In Oregon, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Gary George (S-12) | 3. Linda Flores (H-51) |
| 2. Jeff Kropf (H-17) | 4. William Garrard (H-56) |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Jay Omdahl (S-14) | 3. Bill Young (H-8) | 5. Kim Thatcher (H-25) |
| 2. Karen Malmay (H-2) | 4. Brian Boquist (H-23) | 6. Shirley Freeman (H-43) |

In addition, the following incumbents who are not up for re-election this year have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Jackie Winters (S-10) | 3. Tim Knopp (H-5) | 5. Betsy Close (H-15) |
| 2. Steven Harper (S-28) | 4. Cliff Zauner (H-22) | |

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.