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## Pennsylvania: These Candidates Have Pledged to Protect 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 Pennsylvania, the following candidates have chosen to side with the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:**

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| 1. Daryl Metcalfe (H-12)        | 9. Jess Stairs (H-59)           | 17. Matthew Wright (H-142)            |
| 2. Rod E. Wilt (H-17)           | 10. Dave Reed (H-62)            | 18. Katherine McDowell Watson (H-144) |
| 3. Jeffrey Habay (H-30)         | 11. Tom Yewcic (H-72)           | 19. Stephen Barrar (H-160)            |
| 4. Thomas Stevenson (H-42)      | 12. Camille George (H-74)       | 20. Kerry Benninghoff (H-171)         |
| 5. Lawrence Roberts (H-51)      | 13. Gibson C. Armstrong (H-100) | 21. Kelly Lewis (H-189)               |
| 6. James E. Shaner (H-52)       | 14. Samuel Rohrer (H-128)       |                                       |
| 7. Joseph A. Petrarca (H-55)    | 15. Dennis Leh (H-130)          |                                       |
| 8. James E. Casorio, Jr. (H-56) | 16. Richard Grucela (H-137)     |                                       |

### NEW CANDIDATES

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Brian Ellis (H-11)   | 7. Scott E. Avolio (H-56)     | 13. Jon D. Fox (H-153)         |
| 2. Pat Geho (H-16)      | 8. Jeff Pyle (H-60)           | 14. Mario J. Calvarese (H-158) |
| 3. Paul Snatchko (H-46) | 9. John T. Krupa (H-76)       |                                |
| 4. Rick Yochum (H-48)   | 10. Rob Kauffman (H-89)       |                                |
| 5. Jeffrey Baker (H-49) | 11. Russ Diamond (H-101)      |                                |
| 6. Scott Witon (H-54)   | 12. Christine Katsock (H-121) |                                |

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

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| 1. Joe Conti (S-10) | 2. Lisa Boscola (S-18) | 3. Jane Orie (S-40) |
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