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Who Will Defend Tennessee 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 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 Tennessee, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Ron Ramsey (S-2) | 8. Jason E. Mumpower (H-3) | 15. Donna Rowland (H-48/H-34) | 22. Eugene Davidson (H-66) |
| 2. Michael Williams (S-4) | 9. Jerome Cochran (H-4) | 16. Michael Turner (H-51) | 23. Joey Hensley (H-70) |
| 3. Larry Trail (S-16) | 10. David Davis (H-6) | 17. Beth Harwell (H-56) | 24. Steve K. McDaniel (H-72) |
| 4. JoAnn Graves (S-18) | 11. Bill Dunn (H-16) | 18. Susan Lynn (H-57) | 25. Phillip Johnson (H-78) |
| 5. Rosalind Kurita (S-22) | 12. Chris Newton (H-22) | 19. Ben West, Jr. (H-60) | 26. Dolores Gresham (H-94) |
| 6. John Wilder (S-26) | 13. William Baird (H-36) | 20. Charles Sargent, Jr. (H-61) | 27. Paul R. Stanley (H-96) |
| 7. Steve M. Godsey (H-1) | 14. Sam Stratton Bone, Jr. (H-46) | 21. Glen Casada (H-63) | 28. Tre’ Hargett (H-97) |

NEW CANDIDATES:

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| 1. Raymond Rinney (S-8) | 6. Parkey Strader (H-14) | 11. Oscar D. Gardner (H-49) | 16. Chris Atkins (H-66) |
| 2. Jerry Sharp (S-12) | 7. Eric H. Swafford (H-25) | 12. Ken Berryhill (H-50) | 17. Cecil Stout (H-67) |
| 3. Jim Tracy (S-16) | 8. Raymond C. Dyer (H-42) | 13. Gregory Scott Gaines (H-51) | 18. Curtis Johnson (H-68) |
| 4. Brenda Radford (S-22) | 9. Ricky Goats (H-44) | 14. Karen Bennett (H-52) | 19. Tharon Chandler (H-70) |
| 5. Ron Stallings (S-26) | 10. Debra Young Maggart (H-45) | 15. Ron Veasey (H-56) | 20. Jim Jamieson (H-89) |

The following incumbent has signed for her current tenure in the House, but has not yet signed for her candidacy in the Senate:

1. Diane Black (H-45/S-18)

In addition, the following incumbents have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Jeff Miller (S-9) | 5. Curtis Person (S-31) | 9. Bobby Wood (H-26) |
| 2. Bill Ketron (S-13) | 6. H. E. Bittle, Jr. (H-14) | 10. James Vincent (H-3) |
| 3. Mae Beavers (S-17) | 7. Steve Buttry (H-18) | |
| 4. Doug Jackson (S-25) | 8. Raymond Walker (H-25) | |

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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.

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