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Sen. Mary Panzer Fact of the Day #2: Will Mary Panzer Raise Your Taxes?

Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend) has been asked repeatedly to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to “oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes. **She has repeatedly declined.**

The Taxpayer Protection Pledge has become the single most important tool for an elected official to demonstrate his or her commitment to lower taxes and smaller government. The Pledge was created at the request of President Ronald Reagan; it is signed by President Bush, 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Congressmen (including Wisconsin representatives Paul Ryan, Jim Sensenbrenner, Tom Petri, and Mark Green), eight governors, and over 1300 state legislators (including 28 from Wisconsin).

But Mary Panzer refuses to take the Pledge.

Why would Sen. Panzer not want to take the Pledge? What tax would she consider raising?

- **The income tax**, which penalizes work, saving, and investment, and falls heavily on small businesses which create 75% of all new jobs in America?
- **The sales tax**, which raises the cost of living for every Wisconsinite, rich and poor alike?
- **The gasoline tax**, which raises the cost of getting to work or to school, and raises the cost of every good transported in the state?
- **Tobacco and alcohol taxes**, which fall heaviest on the poor, and which undermine the retail and hospitality industries which rely on these products for a large portion of their livelihoods?

Sen. Panzer’s primary opponent, state Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) has signed the Pledge. He is willing to put in writing that he will not raise your taxes. Which begs the question:

Why won’t Mary Panzer take the same anti-tax Pledge taken by Glenn Grothman, President Bush, and other Republican leaders?

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