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Sen. Mary Panzer Fact of the Day #3: **Mary Panzer Refuses to Rule Out Tax Increases!**

This weekend, ATR reached out to Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend) personally, asking her to rule out tax increases by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. She refused.

Who has signed the Pledge?

- President George W. Bush
- 42 U.S. Senators (and Wisconsin Senate candidates Russ Darrow, Bob Welch, and Tim Michels)
- 217 U.S. Congressmen (including Wisconsin Reps. Paul Ryan, Jim Sensenbrenner, Tom Petri, and Mark Green)
- Eight governors
- Over 1300 state legislators (including 28 from Wisconsin)

Since 1986, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) – the nation’s leading taxpayer advocacy group – has sponsored the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment by an elected official to **“oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

Historically, candidates who have no plans to raise your taxes sign the Pledge. Those who refuse to sign often end up raising taxes shortly after. (Gov. Kenny Guinn (R-NV), Gov. Bob Taft (R-OH), Gov. Bob Riley (R-AL), and Gov. Ted Kulongoski (D-OR) all promised not to raise taxes, but refused to put it in writing. They subsequently proposed roughly a billion dollar tax increase each.

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

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.