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Media Alert – Primary Election Tuesday

- 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 to demonstrate their solidarity with the taxpayers of their state. **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 1300 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 Wisconsin, the following people have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR RE-ELECTION WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE:

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| 1. Alberta Darling (S-8) | 9. Sheldon Wasserman (H-22) | 17. Jeff Wood (H-67) |
| 2. Glenn Grothman (S-20/curr. H-58) | 10. Robert Ziegelbauer (H-25) | 18. Scott Suder (H-69) |
| 3. Mary Lazich (S-28) | 11. Mark Pettis (H-28) | 19. Mark Gundrum (H-84) |
| 4. Gary Bies (H-1) | 12. Thomas A. Lothian (H-32) | 20. Judy Krawczyk (H-88) |
| 5. Frank G. Lasee (H-2) | 13. Donald Friske (H-35) | 21. Terry Musser (H-92) |
| 6. Becky Weber (H-5) | 14. J.A. Hines (H-42) | 22. Robin Kreibich (H-93) |
| 7. Leah Vukmir (H-14) | 15. Terri McCormick (H-56) | |
| 8. Mark Honadel (H-21) | 16. | |

NEW CANDIDATES WHO SIGNED THE PLEDGE:

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| 1. Roy Leyendecker (S-2) | 8. Andy Lamb (H-29) | 16. John S. Keating (H-47) |
| 2. Roger Cross (S-14) | 9. Craig Mohn (H-29) | 17. Tom Kuester (H-50) |
| 3. Eric Peterson (S-16) | 10. Andrew Sellinger (H-38) | 18. George Meyers (H-61) |
| 4. JP Drengler (H-6) | 11. Joel Kleefisch (H-38) | 19. Keith R. Deschler (H-62) |
| 5. Joan D. Tatarsky (H-12) | 12. Matt Metoxen (H-41) | 20. Robin J. Vos (H-63) |
| 6. Bruce Schuknecht (H-20) | 13. Mike Gustin (H-41) | 21. Don Pridemore (H-99) |
| 7. R. Jay Hintze (H-22) | 14. Rich Slate (H-41) | |
| | 15. Leon Zuchls (H-41) | |

The following incumbent signers’ seats are not up this year:

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| 1. Alan Lasee (S-1) | 3. Joe Leibham (S-9) | 5. Ron Brown (S-31) |
| 2. Tom Reynolds (S-5) | 4. David Zien (S-23) | 6. Ted Kavanans (S-33) |

The following incumbent signer is running for federal office and has also signed the federal Pledge:

1. Robert Welch (S-14)

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. ###