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West Virginia: These Candidates for the November Elections have Pledged to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. By signing the pledge, a candidate commits “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

ATR asks all candidates for federal and state office to stand in solidarity with the taxpayers of their entire state, and district if applicable. President Bush has signed the Pledge, and in so doing he joins 42 U.S. Senators, 216 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, nine Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, two Attorneys General, four Secretaries of State, four Treasurers, and more than 1270 state legislators.

In West Virginia, the following pro-taxpayer candidates have either won their primary or were unchallenged in the primary:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Karen Facemyer (S-4) | 6. Kelli Sobonya (H-16) | 11. Allen V. Evans (H-48) |
| 2. Michael Ross (S-15) | 7. Ann Calvert (H-30) | 12. Robert A. Schadler (H-49) |
| 3. Otis Leggett (H-7) | 8. Tim Armstead (H-32) | 13. John Overington (H-55) |
| 4. Larry Border (H-9) | 9. Doug Stalnaker (H-38) | |
| 5. Mitch B. Carmichael (H-12) | 10. Larry A. Williams (H-45) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. Monroe "Monty" Warner (Gov.) | 7. Robert "Les" McNinch (H-2) | 13. Arnold W. Ryan (H-27) |
| 2. Simon McLure (Gov.) | 8. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5) | 14. Alan R. Balogh (H-37) |
| 3. Russ Snyder (S-2) | 9. Corbon Siders (H-12) | 15. Jerome E. Heinemann (H-37) |
| 4. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 10. Joan V. Linville (H-18) | 16. Derrick W. Love (H-38) |
| 5. David C. Sypolt (S-14) | 11. Douglas C. Quesinberry (H-24) | 17. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |
| 6. Rusty Webb (S-17) | 12. Thomas (Mike) Porter (H-27) | |

The following incumbents who are not running this year have also pledged not to raise taxes:

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| 1. Lisa D. Smith (S-4) | 2. Steve Harrison (S-8) | 3. Russ Weeks (S-9) |
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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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.