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Who Will Defend West Virginia 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, 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 1290 state legislators.

In West Virginia, the following candidates have chosen to stand up for the taxpayers of their state and have signed the Pledge:

INCUMBENTS UP FOR REELECTION:

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| 1. Karen Facemyer (S-4) | 7. Kelli Sobonya (H-16) | 13. Doug Stalnaker (H-38) |
| 2. Michael Ross (S-15) | 8. Linda Sumner (H-27) | 14. Larry A. Williams (H-45) |
| 3. Christopher Wakim (H-3) | 9. Tom Louises (H-29) | 15. Allen V. Evans (H-48) |
| 4. Otis Leggett (H-7) | 10. Ann Calvert (H-30) | 16. Robert A. Schadler (H-49) |
| 5. Larry Border (H-9) | 11. Tim Armstead (H-32) | 17. John Overington (H-55) |
| 6. Mitch B. Carmichael (H-12) | 12. Ronald Walters (H-32) | |

New Candidates:

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| 1. Monroe "Monty" Warner (Gov.) | 21. Jack R. McLane (H-13) | 41. Jim Thompson (H-36) |
| 2. Simon McLure (Gov.) | 22. Dennis Barry (H-15) | 42. Alan R. Balogh (H-37) |
| 3. Hiram Lewis (Att. Gen.) | 23. Paula L. Stewart (H-15) | 43. Mulvie W. Grimes (H-37) |
| 4. Andrew B. Yost (Comm. of Agr.) | 24. Matt Sabin (H-16) | 44. Bruce Haddix (H-37) |
| 5. Lisa Thornburg (Auditor) | 25. Dave Litz (H-19) | 45. Jerome E. Heinemann (H-37) |
| 6. Russ Snyder (S-2) | 26. William E. Williams (H-19) | 46. Derrick W. Love (H-38) |
| 7. Jack E. Fincham (S-9) | 27. Diane Shafer (H-20) | 47. William Robert Wright (H-40) |
| 8. Bob Johnson (S-11) | 28. Shawn Spears (H-22) | 48. Lamont "Mutt" Proctor (H-41) |
| 9. Steven Weaver (S-12) | 29. Mike Lushbaugh (H-23) | 49. James L. Scudere (H-41) |
| 10. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 30. Douglas C. Quesinberry (H-24) | 50. Brooks (CB) Sharp (H-41) |
| 11. David C. Sypolt (S-14) | 31. Thomas (Mike) Porter (H-25) | 51. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 12. Clark S. Barnes (S-15) | 32. Charles "Chuck" Carpenter (H-27) | 52. Thomas F. Smith (H-43) |
| 13. Rusty Webb (S-17) | 33. Ron Hedrick (H-27) | 53. Brian Westfall (H-43) |
| 14. Roger D. Madden (H-1) | 34. Charlie Freidman (H-28) | 54. W. Kent Pauley (H-44) |
| 15. Robert "Les" McNinch (H-2) | 35. Wandaleen Kincaid-Schallen (H-29) | 55. Deborah R. Stevens (H-46) |
| 16. Cody Lucey (H-4) | 36. Rebecca Mathews (H-30) | 56. Ruth Rowan (H-50) |
| 17. Ronald Morris (H-4) | 37. Charles Minimah (H-31) | 57. Victor Roberts (H-53) |
| 18. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5) | 38. Charles McKown (H-33) | 58. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |
| 19. Corbon Siders (H-12) | 39. Sam Argento (H-35) | |
| 20. Christopher Troy Wood (H-13) | 40. William Salomon (H-35) | |

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