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## ATR Congratulates West Virginia's Taxpayer-Friendly Primary Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform applauds the following taxpayer-friendly candidates who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge for making it through the primary election on May 11. 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 1260 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 A. 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. Russ Snyder (S-2)            | 5. Robert “Les” McNinch (H-2) | 9. Derrick W. Love (H-38)  |
| 2. Mark Anthony Reynolds (S-13) | 6. Edward V. Amos Jr. (H-5)   | 10. Robert A. Murto (H-57) |
| 3. David C. Sybolt (S-14)       | 7. Corbon Siders (H-12)       |                            |
| 4. Rusty Webb (S-17)            | 8. Arnold W. Ryan (H-27)      |                            |

In addition, the following incumbents have signed the Pledge and committed themselves not to raise taxes:

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| 14. Lisa D. Smith (S-4) | 15. Steve Harrison (S-8) | 16. Russ Weeks (S-9) |
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