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What Taxes Will Michael Holland (R-Wyo.) Raise in Wyoming?

Congressional candidate refuses to sign Taxpayer Protection Pledge

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Michael Holland, a Republican running for Wyoming’s Congressional seat, recently refused to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). ATR has offered the Pledge to all candidates for federal office since 1987. To date, President George W. Bush, 41 U.S. senators, and 192 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have signed the Pledge.

The Pledge commits signers to “oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses ... and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.”

“Candidates who are running as fiscal conservatives and refuse to sign the Pledge are simply not committed to what they believe in,” said Grover Norquist, president of ATR. **“Americans, now more than ever, are looking for leaders that are willing to stand up to the tax and spend crowd in Washington, DC. The Pledge is one of the necessary requirements that prove to the American taxpayer that this candidate is exactly what he says he is – a true fiscal conservative.”**

In 2008, ATR released its annual Cost of Government Day (COGD) report. According to the report, the average American will work 197 days to pay off their share of the local, state, and federal government. Will Michael Holland fight for taxpayers or is he making empty promises?

“With taxes on the rise, Michael Holland should demonstrate his allegiance to hard-working taxpayers nationwide, as well as dedication to taxpayers in Wyoming. I urge him to commit to the values he says he stands for. This is a case of words vs. action – Michael Holland needs to take action and sign the Pledge.”

Copies of the Pledge are available at www.atr.org or by calling (202) 785-0266.

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 John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org

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