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McCain, Thompson, and All Dems Fail to Make No-Tax Pledge *All but two GOP presidential candidates have committed to voters to oppose tax increases*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – For two decades, Americans for Tax Reform has asked all presidential candidates to commit to their constituents, in writing, to oppose any and all efforts to raise income taxes. Every Republican presidential nominee since Ronald Reagan has made this commitment, including President George W. Bush.

Among the 2008 presidential field, all but two of the Republican candidates – Sens. John McCain and Fred Thompson – have made this commitment to the American people, while none of the Democrats have done so. Sen. McCain did, however, signed the pledge as a candidate for president in 2000, and has signed and kept the Pledge as a Senator. *Why won't he take this commitment now?*

“There is a real danger the next president will face a Democrat-controlled Congress determined to raise taxes on the American people,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “If the Presidential candidates don’t say “no, never” now; they’ll say yes soon enough.”

After years of working within the conservative movement Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, and Ryan Ellis, ATR’s Director of Tax Policy, possess the unique knowledge and insight to discuss this issue or any other issue related to conservative politics, taxes, and fiscal policy.

2008 Presidential Candidates		
Name	Party Affiliation	Taxpayer Protection Pledge Status
Rudolph Giuliani	Republican	Yes*
Mike Huckabee	Republican	Yes
Duncan Hunter	Republican	Yes
John McCain	Republican	No
Ron Paul	Republican	Yes
Mitt Romney	Republican	Yes
Fred Thompson	Republican	No

*Giuliani did not sign the Pledge per se, but has put in writing his commitment to oppose and veto all tax increases (as did George W. Bush) and ATR considers this to achieve the spirit and letter of the Pledge.

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who support tax simplification and oppose all federal and state 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