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## Carl Isett Pledges to Protect Taxpayers

*Congressional seat of District 19: first candidate signs pledge to protect the taxpayer.*

WASHINGTON — Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) applauds Carl Isett for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by ATR on December 20, 2002. Mr. Isett is running for the district 19 Congressional seat in Texas. State Representative Isett is the first candidate to sign this pledge in this crowded congressional race. The pledge commits him, and the many others nationwide that have signed it, to oppose any and all efforts to raise tax rates.

In signing the pledge, Isett joins the ranks of numerous other Texas politicians in the fight to protect the taxpayer. Most notable is the current Congressman from District 19, Larry Combest, as well as the Texas Senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson and John Cornyn. To date, President George W. Bush, 41 Senators, and 216 Members of the U.S. House have signed the pledge.

“Carl Isett has shown the will to protect taxpayers that his predecessor Larry Combest demonstrated for almost 19 years,” commented Grover Norquist President of ATR. “Certainly it is the shared hope of ATR and the taxpayers of District 19 that State Representative Isett will not only meet the standards set by Congressman Combest, but exceed them. In signing this pledge he already shows promise of doing so, and serves as a model for the remaining candidates to take this pledge.”

Since being elected in 1996, Carl Isett had the unique perspective over his colleagues as being the only practicing tax accountant in the Texas House of Representatives. In that position, Isett held as his core values; less government, greater personal freedom and responsibility, and reduced taxation.

“Isett certainly has shown great potential in assisting taxpayers’ fight to keep more of their hard-earned wages,” added Norquist “His values and efforts combined with his signing of the pledge have made him a great example for lawmakers everywhere.”

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