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## MONTANA LAWMAKERS TO SUSTAIN VETO OF TAX INCREASES *38 Legislators Take a Stand*

WASHINGTON – Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) applauds efforts by numerous Montana Legislators to sustain Governor Judy Martz’s veto of any and all tax increases. The following thirty-eight members of the Legislature signed a letter promising “to uphold the Governor’s veto of any tax increases:”

Joe Balyeat	Edith Clark	Bruce Malcolm
Dave Lewis	Allen Rome	Jeff Lazloffy
Jeff Pattison	Don Steinbeisser	Clarice Schrupf
Dave Kasten	Jim Shockley	Larry Lehman
Scott Sales	Dan Fuchs	Diane Rice
John Sinrud	Penny Morgan	Carol Lambert
Rick Maedje	Scott Mendenhall	Don Roberts
Verdell Jackson	John Witt	Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke
Ron Stoker	Roy Brown	Dan Hurwitz
Pat Wagman	Doug Mood	John Brueggeman
Joan Anderson	Bob Lake	Don Hedges
Michael Lange	Stan Fisher	Jack Ross
George Everett	Debby Barrett	Pat Wagman

By continuing to veto tax increase proposals, Gov. Martz upholds her Taxpayer Protection Pledge to “oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes.” Gov. Martz signed the Pledge on January 10, 2000.

Tax increase proposals in Montana include, among others:

- Gross receipts taxes on “big box stores” that gross \$10 million or more annually
- 4% sales tax increase
- SB 407 to cut income taxes but hike other taxes including drinks, rental cars, recreation, lodging, and tobacco by a greater amount
- Soda pop tax increase of 5 cents per pop bottle

*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 Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jcollegio@atr.org](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).*