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GESSNER PLEDGES TO PROTECT FLORIDA TAXPAYERS

Don Gessner Signs Pledge Promising to Oppose Tax Increases

WASHINGTON – Don Gessner, Republican candidate for Florida’s 5th district seat in the United States House of Representatives, has signed Americans for Tax Reform’s (ATR) Taxpayer Protection Pledge, promising to “oppose [and thereby vote against] any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses.”

Gessner joins 1,274 state legislators, 8 Governors, 212 Members of the US House of Representatives, 38 US Senators, and President George W. Bush, all of whom have signed the pledge, committing to fight for lower taxes.

“By signing the Pledge, Don Gessner joins a distinguished membership of government officials and candidates who have also promised to defend taxpayers,” commented Grover Norquist, President of ATR. “This is truly a momentous occasion – every day, more and more candidates and incumbents sign the Pledge, an indication that taxpayers have reason to hope that lower taxes and limited government are ideals within reach of reality.”

Signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is merely one indication of Gessner’s ongoing steadfast commitment to the taxpayers of Florida and the nation as a whole. As a Certified Public Accountant, Gessner is well aware of the problems with our complicated tax code, and as such, has vowed to “fight for a tax code with a flatter rate structure, no (or low) capital gains tax, no AMT, lower corporate taxes, no tax on qualified corporate dividends, and no death tax.”

“Signing the pledge is simply an indication of common sense,” maintains Damon Ansell, Vice President for Policy at ATR. “Not signing the pledge demonstrates a willingness to raise taxes.”

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