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# AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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United States Senate candidates

## Taxpayer Protection Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to the taxpayers of the state  
of \_\_\_\_\_, and to the American people that I will:

ONE, oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax  
rates for individuals and/or businesses; and

TWO, oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and  
credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.

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Signature

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Date

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Witness

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**Pledges must be signed, dated, witnessed and returned to:**

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## Federal Taxpayer Protection Pledge Q and A

### **When did the pledge begin?**

Candidates and elected officials began taking the pledge in 1986. After President Reagan's Tax Reform Act of 1986 was passed; many taxpayers feared that some politicians would raise income tax rates. With President Reagan's support and endorsement, Americans for Tax Reform and a broad-based coalition of groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and hundreds of taxpayer groups throughout the nation began to ask all candidates for public office to "take the pledge." Every year, all Members of Congress are asked to take the pledge by Americans for Tax Reform, and all challengers are asked to take the pledge during each election cycle.

### **How many Members of Congress have taken the pledge?**

As of March 14, 2008, 193 members of the House of Representatives and 41 members of the Senate have taken the pledge.

### **Just what does the pledge commit a Member of Congress to do?**

The pledge commits a member to oppose and vote against any effort to raise the federal income tax on individuals or corporations. The pledge does not stand in the way of any tax decreases or revenue neutral changes to the income tax.

### **What if I wanted to trade one tax deduction or credit for another of equal value?**

No problem. The pledge only opposes changes in tax deductions or credits that increase the tax burden on Americans. Former Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer had proposed restoring tax deductibility of health insurance for the self-employed and trading it for a tax credit of equal value that gives preference to businesses that sell television and radio stations to certain politically favored groups. As this is revenue neutral, the pledge is not violated.

### **What about a cut in the capital gains tax that would increase revenue?**

A cut in tax rates is always allowed under the pledge. Americans for Tax Reform strongly supports reducing the capital gains tax rate. All tax rate reductions that increase revenue due to economic growth are allowable under the pledge and are greatly desired.

### **Do I have to take the pledge every time I run for office?**

No. A candidate only needs to take the pledge once. Candidates are always welcome to take the pledge each election cycle and show their continued support of taxpayers

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## 110<sup>th</sup> Congress Pledge Signers Update

The Pledge Takers for the 110th Congress  
Senators in *Italic*

President George W. Bush, 193 Representatives 41 Senators

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AkSen Ted Stevens  
AkSen Lisa Murkowski  
Al-01 Jo Bonner  
Al-02 Terry Everett  
Al-03 Mike Rogers  
Al-04 Robert Aderholt  
Al-06 Spencer Bachus  
AlSen Richard Shelby  
AlSen Jeff Sessions  
Ar-03 John Boozman  
Az-01 Rick Renzi  
Az-02 Trent Franks  
Az-03 John Shadegg  
Az-06 Jeff Flake  
AzSen John McCain  
AzSen Jon Kyl  
Ca-02 Wally Herger  
Ca-03 Dan Lungren  
Ca-04 John Doolittle  
Ca-19 George Radanovich  
Ca-21 Devin Nunes  
Ca-22 Kevin McCarthy  
Ca-24 Elton Gallegly  
Ca-25 Buck McKeon  
Ca-26 David Dreier  
Ca-40 Ed Royce  
Ca-41 Jerry Lewis  
Ca-42 Gary Miller  
Ca-44 Ken Calvert  
Ca-45 Mary Bono  
Ca-46 Dana Rohrabacher  
Ca-48 John Campbell  
Ca-49 Darrell Issa  
Ca-50 Brian Bilbray  
Ca-52 Duncan Hunter  
CO-04 Marilyn Musgrave  
Co-05 Doug Lamborn  
Co-06 Tom Tancredo  
CoSen Wayne Allard  
Fl-01 Jeff Miller  
Fl-04 Ander Crenshaw  
Fl-05 Ginny Brown-Waite  
Fl-06 Cliff Stearns  
Fl-07 John Mica

Fl-08 Ric Keller  
Fl-09 Gus Bilirakis  
Fl-10 Bill Young  
Fl-12 Adam Putnam  
Fl-13 Vern Buchanan  
Fl-14 Connie Mack  
Fl-15 Dave Weldon  
Fl-18 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Fl-21 Lincoln Diaz-Balart  
Fl-24 Tom Feeney  
Fl-25 Mario Diaz-Balart  
FlSen Mel Martinez  
Ga-01 Jack Kingston  
Ga-03 Lynn Westmoreland  
Ga-06 Tom Price  
Ga-07 John Linder  
Ga-09 Nathan Deal  
Ga-10 Paul Broun  
Ga-11 Phil Gingrey  
GaSen Saxby Chambliss  
GaSen Johnny Isakson  
Ia-04 Tom Latham  
Ia-05 Steve King  
Id-01 Bill Sali  
Id-02 Michael Simpson  
IdSen Mike Crapo  
IdSen Larry Craig  
Il-06 Peter Roskam  
Il-10 Mark Kirk  
Il-11 Jerry Weller  
Il-13 Judy Biggert  
Il-15 Tim Johnson  
Il-16 Don Manzullo  
Il-18 Ray LaHood  
Il-19 John Shimkus  
In-03 Mark Souder  
In-05 Dan Burton  
In-06 Mike Pence  
In-08 Brad Ellsworth  
Ks-01 Jerry Moran  
Ks-04 Todd Tiahrt  
KsSen Pat Roberts  
KsSen Sam Brownback

Ky-01 Ed Whitfield  
Ky-02 Ron Lewis  
Ky-04 Geoff Davis  
Ky-06 Ben Chandler  
Ky-Sen Mitch McConnell  
Ky-Sen Jim Bunning  
La-01 Bobby Jindal  
La-04 Jim McCrery  
La-05 Rodney Alexander  
La-06 Richard Baker  
La-07 Charles Boustany  
LaSen David Vitter  
Md-01 Wayne Gilchrest  
Md-06 Roscoe Bartlett  
Mi-02 Pete Hoekstra  
Mi-04 Dave Camp  
Mi-06 Fred Upton  
Mi-07 Tim Walberg  
Mi-08 Mike Rogers  
Mi-09 Joe Knollenberg  
Mi-10 Candice Miller  
Mi-11 Thad McCotter  
Mn-02 John Kline  
Mn-03 Jim Ramstad  
Mn-06 Michele Bachmann  
MnSen Norm Coleman  
Mo-02 Todd Akin  
Mo-06 Sam Graves  
Mo-07 Roy Blunt  
Mo-08 Jo Ann Emerson  
Mo-09 Kenny Hulshof  
MoSen Kit Bond  
Ms-03 Charles Pickering  
Ms-04 Gene Taylor  
Mt -AL Dennis Rehberg  
Nc-03 Walter B. Jones, Jr.  
Nc-05 Virginia Foxx  
Nc-06 Howard Coble  
Nc-08 Robin Hayes  
Nc-09 Sue Myrick  
Nc-10 Patrick McHenry  
NcSen Elizabeth Dole  
NcSen Richard Burr



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Ne-01 Jeff Fortenberry  
 Ne-02 Lee Terry  
 Ne-03 Adrian Smith  
 NeSen Chuck Hagel  
 NeSen Ben Nelson  
 NhSen Judd Gregg  
 NhSen John Sununu  
 Nj-01 Robert Andrews  
 Nj-02 Frank LoBiondo  
 Nj-03 Jim Saxton  
 Nj-04 Chris Smith  
 Nj-05 Scott Garrett  
 Nj-07 Mike Ferguson  
 Nj-11 Rodney Frelinghuysen  
 Nm-01 Heather Wilson  
 Nm-02 Steve Pearce  
 NmSen Pete Domenici  
 Nv-02 Dean Heller  
 Nv-03 Jon Porter  
 NvSen John Ensign  
 Ny-03 Peter King  
 Ny-13 Vito Fossella  
 Ny-25 James Walsh  
 Ny-26 Thomas Reynolds  
 Ny-29 John Kuhl  
 Oh-01 Steve Chabot  
 Oh-02 Jean Schmidt  
 Oh-03 Mike Turner  
 Oh-04 Jim Jordan  
 Oh-05 Bob Latta  
 Oh-07 Dave Hobson  
 Oh-08 John Boehner  
 Oh-12 Pat Tiberi  
 Oh-14 Steve LaTourette  
 Oh-15 Deborah Pryce  
 Ok-01 John Sullivan  
 Ok-03 Frank Lucas  
 Ok-04 Tom Cole  
 Ok-05 Mary Fallin  
 OkSen Tom Coburn  
 OkSen Jim Inhofe  
 Or-02 Greg Walden  
 OrSen Gordon Smith  
 Pa-03 Phil English  
 Pa-05 John Peterson  
 Pa-06 Jim Gerlach  
 Pa-09 Bill Shuster  
 Pa-15 Charlie Dent  
 Pa-16 Joseph Pitts  
 Pa-18 Tim Murphy  
 PaSen Arlen Specter  
 Sc-01 Henry Brown  
 Sc-02 Joe Wilson

Sc-03 J. Gresham Barrett  
 Sc-04 Bob Inglis  
 ScSen Lindsey Graham  
 ScSen Jim DeMint  
 SdSen John Thune  
 Tn-01 David Davis  
 Tn-02 John Duncan  
 Tn-03 Zach Wamp  
 Tn-07 Marsha Blackburn  
 TnSen Bob Corker  
 TnSen Lamar Alexander  
 Tx-01 Louie Gohmert  
 Tx-02 Ted Poe  
 Tx-03 Sam Johnson  
 Tx-04 Ralph Hall  
 Tx-05 Jeb Hensarling  
 Tx-06 Joe Barton  
 Tx-07 John Culberson  
 Tx-08 Kevin Brady  
 Tx-10 Michael McCaul  
 Tx-11 Mike Conaway  
 Tx-12 Kay Granger  
 Tx-13 Mac Thornberry  
 Tx-14 Ron Paul  
 Tx-19 Randy Neugebauer  
 Tx-21 Lamar Smith  
 Tx-24 Kenny Marchant  
 Tx-26 Michael Burgess  
 Tx-31 John Carter  
 Tx-32 Pete Sessions  
 TxSen Kay Bailey Hutchison  
 TxSen John Cornyn  
 Ut-01 Rob Bishop  
 Ut-03 Chris Cannon  
 UtSen Bob Bennett  
 UtSen Orrin Hatch  
 Va-02 Thelma Drake  
 Va-04 Randy Forbes  
 Va-05 Virgil Goode  
 Va-06 Bob Goodlatte  
 Va-07 Eric Cantor  
 Va-11 Tom Davis  
 Wa-04 Doc Hastings  
 Wa-05 Cathy McMorris  
 Wa-08 Dave Reichert  
 Wi-01 Paul Ryan  
 Wi-05 Jim Sensenbrenner  
 Wi-06 Tom Petri  
 Wv-02 Shelley Moore Capito  
 WyAL Barbara Cubin  
 WySen Mike Enzi

**President George W. Bush**  
**234 Total House and Senate**  
**41 U.S. Senators**  
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