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Fact of the Day #1: Greta Goodwin Wants to Raise Your Taxes

-- Incumbent in Kansas Senate District 32 leaves door open for tax increases --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The voters in Kansas’ Senate District 32 get to choose between two very different candidates to represent their interests in the legislature: Incumbent Sen. Greta Goodwin, who has voted to raise taxes on Kansans, and fiscal conservative Ray LaBoeuf.

While Ray LaBoeuf has openly declared his commitment to taxpayers’ interests by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which commits incumbent legislators and candidates ‘to oppose and vote against any and all tax increases’, Sen. Greta Goodwin has refused to make this commitment to her constituency. Moreover, she supported higher income, sales and property taxes during the 2004 legislative session.

“Sen. Goodwin’s support for tax increases and her refusal to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sends a clear message to the hard-working families of Kansas,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“The message is that she wants to raise taxes. She is willing to put her constituents’ pocketbooks on the line.”**

ATR offers the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to all candidates seeking office at the state and federal levels, and also to sitting incumbents. President George W. Bush has signed the Pledge. 42 U.S. senators and 218 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have also signed the Pledge. In signing, they join eight governors, four lieutenant governors, two attorneys general, four secretaries of state, four treasurers, and more than 1325 state legislators.

“The taxpayers of Kansas deserve to know who their friends are,” Norquist continued. **“While Ray LaBoeuf has chosen to side with the taxpayers of his state, Sen. Goodwin has made clear that she prefers to raid her constituents’ pocketbooks.”**

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 Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.