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Fact of the Day #1: Franzoni and Firestone Plan to Raise Your Taxes

-- Hank Franzoni, candidate for Senate District 12, and Kathryn Firestone, candidate for House District 51 refuse to make Commitment to taxpayers --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Voters in two of Oregon’s legislative Districts get to choose between very different candidates to represent their interests in the legislature: In each of the two districts, an incumbent signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is facing a candidate who has refused to make this important commitment to **“oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

- **House 51:** Incumbent Representative Linda Flores, a fiscal conservative who signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, is being challenged by **union-backed Kathryn Firestone, who has refused to commit to taxpayers’ interests by signing the Pledge.**
- **Senate 12:** Incumbent Senator Gary George, a fiscal conservative Pledge signer is being challenged by **trial lawyer Hank Franzoni, who has refused to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Franzoni was a strong supporter of the Measure 30 tax package** voters rejected at the ballot box this year, and would seek to repass elements of the tax hike if elected.

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.

“Oregon’s taxpayers have made clear that they reject tax increases when they voted down the 2003 tax hike early this year. They deserve to know who will stand on their side in the upcoming legislative session,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Rep. Linda Flores and Sen. Gary George have chosen to side with the hard-working families of Oregon. Kathryn Firestone and Hank Franzoni on the other hand, leave the door wide open for future tax increases.”**

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.