



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

1920 L Street, NW • Suite 200 • Washington, DC 20036
202.785.0266 • Fax 202.785.0261

NEWS

WWW.ATR.ORG

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Steven Ujvary
sujvary@atr.org
202-785-0227

JANUARY 31, 2002

Mike Briggs Vows to Defend Taxpayer

Congressional Candidate Signs Pledge, Won't Raise Taxes

WASHINGTON —Mike Briggs sent the taxpayers of California's 21th district a clear message on January 29, 2002, by promising to "oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and businesses; and oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates." Candidates running in California's 13th district were sent the pledge and Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is pleased that Briggs took the pledge, and by doing so, demonstrated his commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Grover Norquist, President of ATR, praised Briggs' decision saying, "**California's 21th district should be pleased by the fact that they have a candidate who demonstrates fiscal common sense. Candidates who sign the pledge, in essence, sign a contract with all taxpayers stating: you can keep more of what you have earned.**"

"On average, over 40% of every dollar earned in this country is taken in taxes by the government. This year, the taxpayers of California will work into late spring simply paying off their debt to national, state, and local governments. **By signing the tax pledge, Briggs is pledging to help solve the problems our country faces without further burdening American taxpayers,**" said Damon Ansell, Vice President of ATR.

"Signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge displays common sense that exists far too seldom among our legislators, those whom taxpayers trust to defend our best interests," said Ansell. "**Mike Briggs has vowed to defend taxpayers' interests; One must worry about candidates who don't sign the pledge because these candidates have not made the same commitment to taxpayers,**" added Norquist.

Mike Briggs shares his commitment to defend taxpayers with over 1300 state legislators, 211 Members of Congress, 37 Senators, and President George W. Bush. ATR asks all candidates for state and federal office to sign the pledge.

To receive this by email, fax this to (202) 785-0261 Name: _____ E-Mail: _____