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Jo Ann Sprague, Candidate for Congress, Signs Pledge *Vows to oppose any and all tax increases*

WASHINGTON, D.C. ---- State Senator Jo Ann Sprague is running for the 9th Congressional District in Massachusetts as an advocate of tax reform. Senator Sprague signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) on August 23, 2001.

By signing the pledge, Sprague promises to “oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal tax rates for individuals and/or businesses,” and to “oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.” On her campaign website, Sprague states that she is “Working hard to create new jobs, not new taxes.”

“Her opponents’ refusal to sign the Pledge indicates their willingness to raise taxes,” said Damon Ansell, Vice President for Policy at ATR. None of the other candidates running for the 9th District seat have signed the Pledge.

“A fiscally responsible candidate like State Senator Jo Anne Sprague demonstrates her strong commitment to Massachusetts’s taxpayers by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. I encourage other candidates for the 9th Congressional District race to make the same strong statement of purpose on behalf of taxpayers, committing themselves to limited government and greater freedom,” added Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform.

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 with Mr. Norquist please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202)785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org

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