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Sheriff Michael Bouchard Signs Taxpayer Protection Pledge in Campaign for Michigan Governor

Gubernatorial Candidate Promises to Protect Michigan Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, a Republican running for governor of Michigan, signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). The Pledge is a commitment to constituents to “oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

Currently, 6 Governors, 6 Lieutenant Governors, 3 Attorneys General, 3 Treasurers, and over 1,100 state legislators have signed the State Taxpayer Pledge. They join 34 senators and 172 members of the House of Representatives who have signed the Pledge on the federal level.

“Michigan residents need leaders committed to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth economic policies. I commend Sheriff Bouchard for signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Signing the Pledge is a clear indication of a candidate’s dedication to fiscal conservatism,” said Grover Norquist, president of ATR.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard is the first candidate running in the 2010 Michigan governor’s race to sign the Gubernatorial Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Two other Republican candidates for governor have signed the Pledge in their current elected office. They include Attorney General Mike Cox and U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra.

“I applaud Sheriff Bouchard for his leadership and dedication to the taxpayers of Michigan. In recent years, policymakers in Lansing have pushed for higher and higher taxes. As a result, residents and businesses have fled the state and the economy has been left in shambles. By signing the Pledge, Sheriff Bouchard has shown he is committed to stopping this onerous, high-tax trend,” added Norquist. **“I strongly encourage every candidate in Michigan and elected offices throughout the country to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.”**

Copies of the Pledge are available at www.ATR.org or by calling (202) 785-0266.

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) 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 John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org.

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