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Attorney General Mike Cox Renews Taxpayer Protection Pledge in Campaign for Michigan Governor

Gubernatorial Candidate Promises to Protect Michigan Taxpayers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General Mike Cox, a Republican running for governor of Michigan, has renewed his Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). The Pledge is a commitment to constituents to “oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes.” Cox had previously signed the state Pledge in his capacity as Michigan’s Attorney General.

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

“In this economy, Michigan residents need leaders committed to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth economic policies. I commend Attorney General Cox for renewing his Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Signing the Pledge is a clear indication of his dedication to fiscal conservatism,” said Grover Norquist, president of ATR.

Attorney General Cox and Sherriff Michael Bouchard are the only two candidates in the 2010 Michigan governor’s race to sign the Gubernatorial Taxpayer Protection Pledge. U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, also a Republican running for governor, has signed the federal Pledge for his current elected office.

“I applaud Mike Cox 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, unemployment is nearing record levels, residents and businesses are fleeing the state, and the economy has been left in shambles. By signing the Pledge, Attorney General Cox 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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