



Media Advisory/Event on Tuesday, April 17, 2007

“Taxpayer Protection Day”—Legislators Honored for Commitment to Taxpayer Protection Pledge and Sustainable Government Spending

Helena, Mont.—On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for Americans to file their federal and state taxes, Montanans for Tax Reform will honor the defenders of Montanan’s pocketbooks, Montana legislators who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge and who have vowed to hold the line on new taxes and sustainable government spending.

WHO: House Speaker Scott Sales, Sen. Joe Balyeat, Rep. Jon Sinrud, and other signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge

WHAT: “Taxpayer Protection Day”

WHEN: Tuesday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: In front of the Helena Capitol Building

WHY: To honor the bravest defenders of Montanan’s pocketbooks, legislators who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

To support legislators who are working to create a sustainable budget, limiting government growth.

To support efforts to provide permanent property tax relief.

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About the Taxpayer Protection Pledge

Signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge agree “to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.” The pledge allows for tax reform. Meaning a set of tax increases may enacted if it is offset dollar for dollar by tax decreases so that the net result is revenue neutral or a reduction in tax revenue. On a national level, 1187 state legislators and seven governors have signed the state Taxpayer Protection Pledge. In Montana, House Speaker Scott Sales and House Appropriations Chair John Sinrud, have signed the pledge. Below is a complete list:

16 House members of 100 (16%)		7 Senators of 50 (14%)
Mark Blasdel (H-10)	Bob Lake (H-88)	Joe Balyeat (S-34)
Edward Butcher (H-29)	Scott Mendenhall (H-77)	Bill Beck (S-6)
George Everett (H-5)	Penny Morgan (H-57)	Aubyn Curtiss (S-1)
Ray Hawk (H-90)	Diane Rice (H-71)	Rick Laible (S-44)
Ralph Heinert (H-1)	Scott Sales (H-68)	Dave Lewis (S-42)
Rick Jore (H-12)	John Sinrud (H-67)	Dan McGee (S-29)
Dave Kasten (H-30)	Jack M. Wells (H-69)	Jerry O’Neil (S-3)
Krayton Kerns (H-58)	Bob Lake (H-88)	
Roger Koopman(H-70)	Scott Mendenhall (H-77)	