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## WASSERMAN BREAKS TAXPAYER PLEDGE, TRIES TO DECEIVE VOTERS

*"I might have signed a pledge, but..." says Wasserman*

(Germantown)... With the election only a little more than a month away, Rep. Sheldon Wasserman has compounded his violation of the Americans for Tax Reform Taxpayer Protection Pledge (ATR Pledge) by falsely asserting in a recent campaign mailer to voters that he kept his word.

The political mailer reads "Wasserman Signed a No New Taxes Pledge – And Kept His Promise." Sheldon believes in saving taxpayer money. That's why he broke with his party to sign a no-new-taxes pledge and bucked leaders of both parties by voting to eliminate automatic gas tax increases."

However, Wasserman signed the ATR pledge in 2007, which reads in part "I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes". Wasserman's deception could not be further from the truth:

- Wasserman voted AGAINST the property tax freeze in 2007 (2007 AB 507, 9/18/07 vote 52-45, Wasserman: No)
- Wasserman verbally committed to break the ATR pledge by saying he would vote for a \$1.25/pack cigarette tax hike. <http://blogs.jsonline.com/allpoliticswatch/archive/2007/10/01/27-assembly-members-signed-no-tax-pledges.aspx>
- Wasserman spoke favorably about increasing the hospital tax. <http://www.620wtmj.com/shows/charliesykes/15995962.html>

On October 1, 2007 the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that while 24 members of the Assembly signed the ATR pledge, at least two confessed they would not stick with their pledge to oppose tax increases, including Rep. Sheldon Wasserman. "I might have signed a pledge," Wasserman was quoted, "but I also took a Hippocratic Oath."

"It is pretty clear that my opponent broke his word to the taxpayers and is now misleading voters on his tax record of voting for and supporting tax increases," Darling said. "I can only assume that he thinks he can fool all of the voters all of the time."

Darling also signed the ATR Pledge in 2007, but in contrast to Wasserman, she has a consistent record of cutting taxes, including supporting the successful efforts to eliminate the tax on social security income and to make health insurance premium payments tax deductible. She also supported income tax cuts, a property tax freeze, and the elimination of state taxes on retirement income. Believing tax increases to be an obstacle to economic growth, Darling voted against proposed tax increases on gasoline, health care services and home sales.

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