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Americans for Prosperity Applauds U.S. Senate Candidate Ronald Rushing *-Signs No Climate Tax Pledge-*

PALM BEACH GARDENS—The Florida chapter of the free market grassroots group Americans for Prosperity (AFP-FL) today applauded U.S. Senate candidate Ronald Rushing for signing the group’s “No Climate Tax Pledge.” Rushing joins more than [525 bipartisan lawmakers and candidates](#) on the federal, state and local levels pledging to “**oppose legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.**”

“The one thing elected officials should agree on is that global warming shouldn’t be used as an excuse to hike taxes on citizens and businesses,” said AFP-FL Policy Director Abigail MacIver. “We encourage all of Florida’s elected officials and candidates for elected office to sign the pledge.”

Florida signers include: U.S. Senator Marco Rubio; U.S. Representatives Jeff Miller, Steve Southerland, Rich Nugent, Daniel Webster, Gus Bilirakis, C.W. Bill Young, Dennis Ross, Connie Mack, Bill Posey, Sandy Adams and David Rivera; Governor Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi.

“Using the guise of climate change to transfer dollars from hard-working citizens to bureaucratic big government is unacceptable,” said MacIver. “Regardless of their stance on global warming, this should be common ground for all of our elected officials at all levels of government.”

The pledge is available online at www.NoClimateTax.com. AFP does not endorse candidates. All elected officials and candidates are encouraged to sign the pledge and go on the record in opposition to using the climate change issue to increase taxes and grow the size of government.

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