



Arizona Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for Arizona

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, Arizona alone stands to gain over 28,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Sen. John McCain (R)	NOT SIGNED	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Rodney Glassman (D)	NOT SIGNED					

Vote Key:

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. **Red** represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

² Based on research published by the Arizona Free Enterprise Club on September 16, 2009.

U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
District 1					
Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO			
Paul Gosar (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 2					
Rep. Trent Franks (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	
John Thrasher (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 3					
Ben Quayle (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Jon Hulburd (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Michael Shoen (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. Ed Pastor (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Janet Contreras (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Joe Cobb (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 5					
Rep. Harry Mitchell (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO		
David Schweikert (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Nick Coons (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 6					

Rep. Jeff Flake (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Rebecca Schneider (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 7					
Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
Ruth McClung (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
George Keane (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Harley Meyer (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 8					
Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	YES		
Jesse Kelly (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Steve Stoltz (L)	NOT SIGNED				

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

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