



# Indiana Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

## Death Tax Repeal matters for Indiana

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.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, Indiana alone stands to gain over 32,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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)
Brad Ellsworth (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	Brad Ellsworth voted for repeal in 2007 (instructions to recommit, H.R. 3056) and then in support of making the tax permanent at the rate of 45% in 2009 (H.R. 4154).				
Dan Coats (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>					
Rebecca Sink-Burris (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>					

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Based on research published by the Indiana Policy Review Foundation.

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H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.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

## U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
<b>District 1</b>					
Rep. Peter Visclosky (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Mark Leyva (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Jon Morris (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 2</b>					
Rep. Joe Donnelly (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
Jackie Walorski (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Mark Vogel (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 3</b>					
Marlin Stutzman (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Tom Hayhurst (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Scott Wise (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 4</b>					
Todd Rokita (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
David Sanders (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
John Duncan (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 5</b>					
Rep. Dan Burton (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

Tim Crawford (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Chard Reid (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Jesse Trueblood (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 6</b>					
Rep. Mike Pence (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Barry Welsh (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
T.J. Thompson (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 7</b>					
Rep. André Carson (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES			
Marvin Scott (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Dav Wilson (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Jeff Spoonamore (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 8</b>					
Trent Van Haaften (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Larry Bucshon (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
John Cunningham (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 9</b>					
Rep. Baron Hill (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	out of office	NO
Todd Young (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Greg Knott (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				

**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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