



Wisconsin Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for Wisconsin

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million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, Wisconsin alone stands to gain nearly 33,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.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. Russ Feingold (D) | NOT SIGNED | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Ron Johnson (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | | |

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H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.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 MacIver Institute for Public Policy on July 17, 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. Paul Ryan (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| John Heckenlively (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| Joseph Kexel (L) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 2 | | | | | |
| Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Chad Lee (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 3 | | | | | |
| Rep. Ron Kind (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Dan Kapanke (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| Mike Krsiean (I) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 4 | | | | | |
| Rep. Gwen Moore (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | |
| Dan Sebring (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 5 | | | | | |
| Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Todd Kolosso (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 6 | | | | | |
| Rep. Tom Petri (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Joe Kallas (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 7 | | | | | |
| Julie Lassa (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| Sean Duffy (R) | SIGNED | | | | |

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| | PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 8 | | | | | |
| Rep. Steve Kagen (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | YES | | |
| Reid Ribble (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |

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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