

# Kleefisch campaign: ICYMI: Kleefisch only candidate to commit to veto net tax increases

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[Waukesha, Wis.] — In case you missed it, Rebecca Kleefisch is the only candidate for Wisconsin governor with a clear plan for transformational tax reform, which was highlighted [in this article by Patrick Gleason](#), vice president of state affairs at Americans for Tax Reform.

According to Gleason, Rebecca is the only candidate for governor who has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to veto any net tax increase.

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*Tight Race For GOP Gubernatorial Nomination In Wisconsin, Which Is Once Again A Battleground State In 2022*

*Forbes*

*Patrick Gleason, Americans for Tax Reform*

*The Wisconsin GOP gubernatorial debate kicked off with all three candidates discussing taxes and the need for state tax relief in their initial remarks. While all pointed to the state's more than \$5 billion surplus as proof that the state tax code is collecting too much money and needs to be reformed, **former Lt. Governor Kleefisch was the most specific when it came to the form of tax relief she'd pursue.***

*Wisconsin has a graduated income tax with a top rate of 7.65%. During the Sunday evening debate, Kleefisch stated that she would seek to move the state to a flat tax*

of 3.54%, which is the current bottom rate in Wisconsin. **Kleefisch added that her goal “is to eventually eliminate the income tax.”**

Moving Wisconsin to a flat 3.54% income tax would provide relief to millions of Wisconsin taxpayers, including hundreds of thousands of small businesses that file under the individual income tax system. According to IRS data, more than 356,000 sole proprietors, along with more than 145,000 partnership and S-corp owners, file under the individual income tax system in Wisconsin. **They would all see their job-creating capacity increase under the tax proposal laid out by Kleefisch.**

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In addition to being the most specific on the direction in which she would like to take the state’s tax code, Kleefisch is also the only candidate who has made it clear to Wisconsin voters, in writing, that she would veto any net tax hike that might be sent to her desk. **While Rebecca Kleefisch has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to Wisconsin residents to veto net tax hikes, Tim Michels and Timothy Ramthun have thus far declined to make that same commitment to Wisconsin residents.**

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Whereas Kleefisch provided the most details about her policy priorities during the debate, Michels was less specific. When the debate moderator pressed Michels to name a reform he’d pursue upon taking office, Michels alluded to an earlier reference about his interest in auditing state agencies in a manner similar to that with which he monitors the performance of his business.

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There is a good chance Governor Evers or members of his campaign will try to claim his GOP opponent is actually the one who would raise taxes. The effectiveness of such allegations will likely depend on who the nominee is. **Kleefisch not only has a long record that will cause such allegations to fall flat, she has a written commitment to point to that makes clear no net tax hike will be signed into law if she is elected. Michels and Ramthun have neither.**

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