

Ladies and Gentlemen —

I support SB 888 to require major party candidates must release their tax returns in order to appear on the ballot in Oregon. The confidence of our citizenry, and of the entire world, in the American government is at stake.

The American people need to trust that our highest elected official is acting in the public interest, and not in their own financial interest. Releasing tax returns is, as Senator Wyden has said, "the lowest possible ethical bar."

The failure of President Trump to release his taxes has cast a cloud over his administration. Requiring future candidates to divulge such information will either bring to voters' attention potential conflicts of interest, or put to rest any question of such conflicts.

Belief in good government, faith in our institutions and trust in our elected officials are the cornerstones of our democracy. Please support SB 888 to insure the strength of that belief, faith and trust.

All the best,

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