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## REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO RELEASE THEIR TAX RETURNS Support Massachusetts Bill S.365 for Tax Transparency for Presidential Candidates

**CALL YOUR STATE REP AND SENATOR TODAY!**



Dear friends and neighbors:

S.365 is a bill that would **require presidential candidates to release recent tax returns in order to get on the ballot in the state.**

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR TODAY TO URGE THEM TO CO-SPONSOR THE BILL. YOUR CALL CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR RAPID PASSAGE OF THIS BILL.**

Tax return disclosure is essential for understanding potential conflicts of interest. Without that information about our President, we are in the dark. Massachusetts already requires extensive financial disclosure for state candidates. **This bill extends the expectation of transparency to presidential candidates.**

<https://www.sfi.eth.state.ma.us/security/Login.aspx>

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter268B/Section5>

Constitutional scholar and Harvard Law professor Lawrence Tribe told Boston.com “Senator Barrett’s tax-return-release bill is just the kind of effort through which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can set an example of good government for the rest of the nation to follow,” And said of a similar proposal in New York that **“the bill should withstand constitutional scrutiny.”**

<https://www.boston.com/news/politics/2016/12/15/this-massachusetts-bill-could-block-donald-trump-from-the-ballot-in-2020>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/12/opinion/an-antidote-to-donald-trumps-secrecy-on-taxes.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/12/opinion/an-antidote-to-donald-trumps-secrecy-on-taxes.html?_r=0)

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/brad-hoylman/senator-brad-hoylman-announces-legislation-requiring-release>

By passing this bill, Massachusetts can set the example for other states to follow. We hope every state would pass similar legislation, but it would likely take only a handful to make release of returns necessary to win an election. **WE ARE A SMALL STATE, BUT WE CAN HAVE A BIG EFFECT ON THIS ISSUE.**

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1. **Use the phone list on the back,** or find your legislators at <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>
2. Call them, or better yet, schedule a brief visit at their local office to make your case in person.
3. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Saving democracy is more fun with more folks!
4. Sign up for updates and new actions you can take at [www.letssaveourdemocracy.org](http://www.letssaveourdemocracy.org)

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