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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

DATE: March 27, 2017  
TO: Senate Rules Committee Members  
FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick  
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 888

Members of the committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I serve as the State Senator for District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of Southwest Portland.

I'm here today to discuss Senate Bill 888. This bill requires major party candidates for President or Vice President of the United States to provide their latest tax returns to the Secretary of State, or complete a statement of economic interest, in order to appear on the Oregon ballot. Senate Bill 888 ensures transparency and accountability for Oregon voters.

Senate Bill 888 affirms a long-standing tradition of financial disclosure among candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. From 1976 until 2016, all major party candidates for President have released their tax information. Virtually all candidates seeking public office in Oregon are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. At a minimum, major party candidates seeking the office of President or Vice President of the United States should be held to an equivalent standard of transparency to appear on the Oregon ballot.

Without this vital information, Oregon voters cannot accurately assess whether a conflict exists between a candidate's financial interests and duties of the President or Vice President of the United States.

I strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 888.