

March 24, 2017

To the Senate Rules Committee:

Please recommend a "DO PASS" on SB 888 to require Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to release their tax returns for the last 5 years in order to qualify to be on the ballot in Oregon. And then vote to pass this bill in the Senate.

Before allowing persons to hold the highest political offices in our country, we voters should be able to know about their financial dealings, at least as reported on their tax returns. This can inform us of whether they are likely to act in the American people's interest, their own interest, the interests of just certain segments of the population, or even the interests of a foreign country.

Candidates have traditionally released their tax returns, but at this time it would be wise to codify this tradition.

Sincerely,

Sally Joughin
2715 SE 34th Ave
Portland OR 97202