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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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to disclose their income tax returns, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Release Your Taxes  
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL OFFI-  
9 CIALS.—The term “appropriate congressional offi-  
10 cials” means the following:

1 (A) The Clerk of the House of Representa-  
2 tives.

3 (B) The Secretary of the Senate.

4 (2) CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE.—The term  
5 “congressional candidate” means a candidate, as  
6 such term is defined under section 301 of the Fed-  
7 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971, who seeks  
8 nomination for election, or election, to the office of  
9 Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-  
10 dent Commissioner to, the Congress.

11 (3) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-  
12 ber of Congress” means a Senator or Representative  
13 in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the  
14 Congress.

15 (4) TAX RETURN FILING.—The term “tax re-  
16 turn filing” means any of the following:

17 (A) Form 1040 and Schedule A filed with  
18 a return of tax under the Internal Revenue  
19 Code of 1986, or the equivalent successor forms  
20 or schedules.

21 (B) An application or request for extension  
22 of the due date for return of tax under such  
23 Code.

24 (C) The statement referred to in sub-  
25 section (d)(3).

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RETURN DATABASE.—

2 The appropriate congressional officials shall—

3 (1) establish a database containing every tax re-  
4 turn filing submitted to the appropriate congres-  
5 sional officials pursuant to this section; and

6 (2) prescribe from time to time such rules nec-  
7 essary to carry out this section.

8 (c) PUBLICATION OF DATABASE.—The appropriate  
9 congressional officials shall publish—

10 (1) the database established under subsection  
11 (b) on a website available to the general public  
12 under the authority of appropriate congressional of-  
13 ficials; and

14 (2) each tax return filing received by the appro-  
15 priate congressional officials through the database  
16 within 5 business days after the date on which the  
17 appropriate congressional officials received the filing.

18 (d) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall submit  
20 to the appropriate congressional officials a tax re-  
21 turn filing pertaining to the individual not later than  
22 2 business days after the date of the filing of the tax  
23 return filing pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code  
24 of 1986 if any of the following apply:

1           (A) The individual is a Member of Con-  
2           gress or a congressional candidate for any part  
3           of the tax year with respect to which the tax re-  
4           turn filing pertains.

5           (B) The individual is a Member of Con-  
6           gress or a congressional candidate for any part  
7           of the calendar year in which the individual files  
8           the tax return filing.

9           (2) CHANGE IN OFFICE STATUS AFTER FIL-  
10          ING.—An individual who is not a Member of Con-  
11          gress or a congressional candidate on the date that  
12          the individual files a tax return filing pertaining to  
13          the individual and becomes a Member of Congress or  
14          congressional candidate after such date in the same  
15          calendar year shall submit the tax return filing to  
16          the appropriate congressional officials not later than  
17          30 days after the individual becomes a Member of  
18          Congress or congressional candidate.

19          (3) ABSENCE OF TAX RETURN.—An individual  
20          who would be subject to the requirements under  
21          paragraph (1) or (2) if the individual were to be re-  
22          quired to file a return of tax under the Internal Rev-  
23          enue Code of 1986 with respect to a tax year but  
24          is not actually required to file such a return for such  
25          tax year shall submit to the appropriate congres-

1       sional officials a statement explaining that the indi-  
2       vidual is not required to file the return not later  
3       than the due date that would apply for filing the re-  
4       turn.

5       (e) FAILURE OF COMPLIANCE.—The appropriate  
6       congressional officials—

7               (1) shall include promptly in the website re-  
8       ferred to in subsection (c)(1) the name of any indi-  
9       vidual who does not comply with a requirement  
10      under subsection (d) notwithstanding a duty to com-  
11      ply with the requirement; and

12              (2) shall not remove the name of such indi-  
13      vidual from the website unless and until—

14                      (A) the individual complies with the re-  
15                      quirement; or

16                      (B) more than 6 years have elapsed after  
17              the date on which the individual is no longer a  
18              Member of Congress or a congressional can-  
19              didate.

20      (f) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—Not later than 30  
21      days after the date of the enactment of this section, an  
22      individual who is a Member of Congress or a congressional  
23      candidate on such date shall submit to the appropriate  
24      congressional officials any tax return filing that was filed  
25      in the calendar year of the date of the enactment that

1 would have been required to be submitted to the appro-  
2 priate congressional officials under subsection (d) if this  
3 section were in effect from the start of the calendar year.

4 (g) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with  
5 respect to a return of tax under the Internal Revenue Code  
6 of 1986 for a tax year that begins in 2025 or each suc-  
7 ceeding year.

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