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LETTER: 56 Organizations Demand Democratic Congress Obtain and Release Trump’s Tax Returns

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, 56 organizations led by Tax March, Indivisible, and Americans for Tax Fairness have co-signed a letter demanding that a Democratic Congress obtain and publicly release President Donald Trump’s tax returns following the bombshell report from The New York Times into Trump’s dubious tax schemes.

The letter urges Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Ranking Members of the Senate and House tax-writing committees, Ron Wyden and Richard Neal, to make obtaining and publicly releasing President Trump’s tax returns, and those of his more than 500 business entities, a top priority on the first day of the 116th Congress.

“Donald Trump is hiding something, and the American people deserve to know what his financial entanglements are,” said Maura Quint, Executive Director of Tax March. “The New York Times report proves that there are still significant questions about Donald Trump’s compromising financial interests. A Democratic Congress must seek out and release Trump’s tax returns in order to provide the American people the answers they deserve.”

“There is nothing normal about the Donald Trump presidency—and Democrats should respond accordingly,” said Chad Bolt, Associate Policy Director at Indivisible. “They should use their authority to obtain his tax returns on Day One, if they take back the House or Senate, so the American people can finally learn more about his tax avoidance, his conflicts of interest, and his own personal benefit from the tax scam he pushed through Congress.”

“President Trump is hiding something, and the public deserves to know what it is,” said Frank Clemente, Executive Director of Americans for Tax Fairness. “Transparency of our institutions and full disclosure by those who seek to lead them are essential tenets of an informed democracy. Questions about foreign entanglements, conflicts of interest, self-dealing and tax dodging are hanging over this president, and they can be answered by the release of his tax returns.”

The letter was co-signed by 56 progressive groups and grassroots organizations, including:
Not One Penny
Tax March
Indivisible
Americans for Tax Fairness
American Family Voices
American Federation of Government Employees
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Blue Future
Campaign for America’s Future
Center for American Progress
Center for Global Policy Solutions
Center for Popular Democracy
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Cause
Communications Workers of America
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Courage Campaign
CREDO
Daily Kos
Demand Progress Action
Democracy 21
Global Justice Institute
Health Care for America Now (HCAN)
Hedge Clippers
Herd on the Hill
Hip Hop Caucus
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Main Street Alliance
MomsRising
MoveOn Civic Action
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association
National Organization for Women
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Open the Government
Other98
Patriotic Millionaires
People for the American Way
People's Action Institute
Positive Women’s Network - USA
Pride at Work
Progressive Democrats of America
Protect Democracy
Protect the Investigation
Public Advocacy for Kids
Public Citizen
Revolving Door Project
Social Security Works
Stand Up America
State Innovation Exchange (SIX)
Strong Economy For All Coalition
Tax Justice Network
The John Leary Organization
Win Without War