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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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:

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

4 (A) The Clerk of the House of Representa-
5 tives.

6 (B) The Secretary of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

1 (B) An application or request for extension
2 of the due date for return of tax under such
3 Code.

4 (C) The statement referred to in sub-
5 section (d)(3).

6 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RETURN DATABASE.—

7 The appropriate congressional officials shall—

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

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

13 (c) PUBLICATION OF DATABASE.—The appropriate
14 congressional officials shall publish—

15 (1) the database established under subsection
16 (b) on a website available to the general public
17 under the authority of appropriate congressional of-
18 ficials; and

19 (2) each tax return filing received by the appro-
20 priate congressional officials through the database
21 within 5 business days after the date on which the
22 appropriate congressional officials received the filing.

23 (d) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall submit
25 to the appropriate congressional officials a tax re-

1 turn filing pertaining to the individual not later than
2 2 business days after the date of the filing of the tax
3 return filing pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
4 of 1986 if any of the following apply:

5 (A) The individual is a Member of Con-
6 gress or a congressional candidate for any part
7 of the tax year with respect to which the tax re-
8 turn filing pertains.

9 (B) The individual is a Member of Con-
10 gress or a congressional candidate for any part
11 of the calendar year in which the individual files
12 the tax return filing.

13 (2) CHANGE IN OFFICE STATUS AFTER FIL-
14 ING.—An individual who is not a Member of Con-
15 gress or a congressional candidate on the date that
16 the individual files a tax return filing pertaining to
17 the individual and becomes a Member of Congress or
18 congressional candidate after such date in the same
19 calendar year shall submit the tax return filing to
20 the appropriate congressional officials not later than
21 30 days after the individual becomes a Member of
22 Congress or congressional candidate.

23 (3) ABSENCE OF TAX RETURN.—An individual
24 who would be subject to the requirements under
25 paragraph (1) or (2) if the individual were to be re-

1 quired to file a return of tax under the Internal Rev-
2 enue Code of 1986 with respect to a tax year but
3 is not actually required to file such a return for such
4 tax year shall submit to the appropriate congress-
5 sional officials a statement explaining that the indi-
6 vidual is not required to file the return not later
7 than the due date that would apply for filing the re-
8 turn.

9 (e) FAILURE OF COMPLIANCE.—The appropriate
10 congressional officials—

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

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

18 (A) the individual complies with the re-
19 quirement; or

20 (B) more than 6 years have elapsed after
21 the date on which the individual is no longer a
22 Member of Congress or a congressional can-
23 didate.

24 (f) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—Not later than 30
25 days after the date of the enactment of this section, an

1 individual who is a Member of Congress or a congressional
2 candidate on such date shall submit to the appropriate
3 congressional officials any tax return filing that was filed
4 in the calendar year of the date of the enactment that
5 would have been required to be submitted to the appro-
6 priate congressional officials under subsection (d) if this
7 section were in effect from the start of the calendar year.

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