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Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** delivered remarks on the floor of the US House of Representatives on her amendment to **Congressman Adam B. Schiff's (CA-28) *Protecting Our Democracy Act***. The Adams amendment requires transparency in income tax return filings by candidates for President and Vice President.

Video of the speech is available [for download](#) and [on YouTube](#).

Remarks as prepared for delivery:

I rise today in support of my amendment to ensure transparency in our elections.

The American people have a right to know whether a candidate for President or Vice President has unethical foreign entanglements or compromising debts that can be leveraged against their administration, or worse.

My amendment requires the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to make an income tax return publicly available within 48 hours after receipt of return. In cases where a return requires extensive redactions, the FEC may make the return available after 48 hours but no later than 30 days after receipt of return.

*Only a full release of tax returns can ensure that our President and Vice President are working for us – **the American people** – not anybody else.*

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this amendment and yes on the H.R. 5314.

Thank you, and I yield back.

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