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### **EPIC v. IRS: A Freedom of Information Act Lawsuit to Obtain the Tax Records of Donald J. Trump**

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) has filed an appeal in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals for the release of Donald J. Trump’s tax returns.

In a brief filed Wednesday, EPIC told the D.C. Circuit that the IRS has the authority to disclose the President's returns to correct numerous misstatements of fact concerning his financial ties to Russia.

President Trump has tweeted that "Russia has never tried to use leverage over me. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH RUSSIA - NO DEALS, NO LOANS, NO NOTHING"—a claim "plainly contradicted by his own attorneys, family members, and business partners," according to the filing by EPIC.

EPIC stated, “there has never been a more compelling FOIA request presented to the IRS.” As EPIC explained, “the secrecy of the President’s tax returns is unprecedented.”

EPIC v. IRS is one of several EPIC FOIA cases concerning Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election. EPIC also filed the first lawsuit against the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, charging that the collection of state voter records violated federal law. The Commission was shut down six months after EPIC filed suit.

A Quinnipiac poll released today indicates that public strongly supports (67%) the release of the President's tax returns.

#### About EPIC

EPIC is a non-partisan organization, established in 1994, to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. The EPIC Advisory Board includes distinguished experts in law, technology, and public policy. Contact: Marc Rotenberg, EPIC President (@MarcRotenberg, rotenberg@epic.org); Alan Butler, EPIC Senior Counsel (@AlanInDC, buter@epic.org)

More Information:

[EPIC v. IRS: EPIC Urges D.C. Circuit to Green-Light Release of President Trump's Tax Returns](http://epic.org/2018/02/epic-v-irs-epic-urges-dc-circu.html)  
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