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Sheldon Schafer, Green Party candidate for US Congress. 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, today encouraged his Republican opponent Aaron Schock to voluntarily reveal to the public his 2006 & 2007 personal tax returns, in the interest of openness, transparency and honest government.

Schafer said “People who choose to be public servants are obligated to a higher standard of openness than most citizens. With the extensive contemporary history of corruption that has pervaded both political parties, I encourage my opponent to rethink the comfort of his personal privacy and instead follow my actions and the Democratic Party candidate’s actions. Here in central Illinois we value honesty and integrity in our elected officials. The personal finances of all candidates for US Congress should be open to the public. John McCain, Cindy McCain, Sarah Palin, and Barack Obama have released their tax returns. They understand that the public right to know personal financial records of the candidates is important, not just a political trick. ”

Schafer, who represents the Green Party, was the first candidate to release his personal tax return information. One of the important principles of the Green Party is to provide open and honest communication, and Schafer has often promised to fight the secretive corporate influence that dominates so much of Federal activity.

For more information please review the Schafer campaign website at [www.schaferforcongress.info](http://www.schaferforcongress.info), or contact the candidate at 309-868-4028.