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Whitmans Release Tax Return Continue Commitment to Full Disclosure

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman and her husband John today continued their commitment to full disclosure by statewide candidates and officeholders by releasing their current - 1998 -- tax return. The Whitman's began releasing their tax filings when the Governor first sought statewide public office in 1990.

"We have set a standard that all elected statewide officials and candidates should meet. Our disclosure goes well beyond what is required by any state or federal law, but it's the right thing to do. I certainly hope that other candidates and elected statewide officials share my commitment to disclosure," Gov. Whitman said.

The Whitman's reported \$1.4 million in taxable federal income and \$1.8 million in taxable New Jersey income for the 1998 tax year. The Whitman's paid \$365,305 in federal income taxes, \$110,264 in New Jersey income taxes and \$659 in Pennsylvania income taxes.

As in previous years, the Whitmans have donated the value of the Governor's 30 percent reduction in the state income tax to charity. This year's calculation of that amount was \$11,813.

Copies of the Whitman's returns are available in the Governor's communications office on the first floor of the State House.