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ATTENTION : Representatives Nunes & Blumenaur
International Tax Reform Working Group

Dear Sirs :

I am writing to ask that the International Taxation Committee of the Ways & Means Committee for Tax Reform seriously consider the ACA proposal for reform to Residency-based taxation (RBT). Please see link :
<http://americansabroad.org/files/6513/6370/3681/finalsubrbtmarch2013.pdf>

As one of nearly seven million American citizens living, working and voting from abroad, I believe the current Citizenship based taxation regime must be reformed. Current tax policy is negatively affecting this important sector of Americans and their ability to compete for jobs, grow the US economy through international business and exports, and live overseas. Current tax policy damages both individuals and the welfare of our nation.

The following are some examples of the fallout on Americans overseas from current U.S. Citizenship-based taxation :

- Exposure to double taxation or increased tax burden
- Financially ruinous penalties due to broad application of criminal tax evasion regulations on those making simple filing errors due to complexity of the U.S. Tax code
- Closure or denial of financial instruments (pensions, bank accounts, etc.)
- Inability to relocate & work internationally
- Denial of job opportunities or job advancement

Please seriously consider the RBT proposal submitted by American Citizens Abroad (ACA). A move towards a residence-based system, like the rest of the world, not only would be simpler and fairer for Americans living abroad, but it would actually bring in more tax revenue than the current system which wastes compliance resources for little return. RBT would increase United States exports strongly by facilitating American mobility in today's global business environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,