

Attention: International Tax Reform Working Group

Dear Representatives Nunes and Blumenar,

I am writing in support of changing US taxation from a citizenship based policy to a residency based tax policy. The negative effect of the current policy have been documented and are well known. Largely unconsidered are the effects that the current policy has on the reputation of the US abroad.

There are approximately 7 million US citizens living outside the country (In Canada it is estimated that one in thirty people living permanently in the country have US citizenship.) All 7 million of us are in some sense¹ ambassadors for our country and because of the current tax policy many are not very positive ones. Does the US really need millions of citizens living outside its borders who are confused, bewildered, hostile and angry at their country!

Rather than feeling blessed to be Americans some feel cursed. I know a young Dad who several years ago registered his infant daughters as US citizens. Recently he said to me that now he feels as if he has passed some horrible genetic disease on to his children! Personally I have had Canadians express their condolences to me because I am a US citizen.

I love my country even though I have lived in Canada for decades. I want to feel that we have a tax system that is fair and a model for the world. Moving to residency based taxation does not solve every problem but it is a needed and positive step.

Sincerely,

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