

Tax Reform Oversight Committee

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to register my concern about the way our government (including the IRS) is treating ex-patriots. Living part of the year in Costa Rica, owning the customary CR corporation that owns the property, and then trying to file my US taxes, has opened my eyes to the complexity and difficulty ex-pats have trying to comply with US laws.

Keep in mind most of us are NOT multi-national corporations hiding money off-shore to avoid US taxes (like GE does – making billions of dollars of profits but paying ZERO US taxes) – nor are we drug dealers laundering money through off-shore safe havens etc.

Not only must I file the forms for having a “foreign corporation” I am required to report foreign banks accounts when any balance exceeds \$10,000; and the foreign bank is required to file reports with the IRS (thus causing many to refuse to open accounts for US citizens). That is after I file all the necessary reports for income, taxes and corporation fees required by Costa Rica for ex-pats.

We are for the most part, ordinary citizens dutifully paying our US taxes and looking for some relief in the increasingly intrusive and hostile policies and practices of the IRS. Please help us – the “little guys” who are law-abiding, non-loophole seeking US patriots who are being squeezed unmercifully. Consider FairTax.org recommendations as an alternative.

Thank you for your attention – and help!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Downing

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