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RE: Repeal of FATCA

ATTN: Financial Services Tax Committee

Dear Representatives Adrian Smith and John Larson,

As an American citizen from Portland, Oregon who has lived and worked outside the US since 1992, I am writing to strongly urge that the Financial Services Tax Committee of the Ways & Means Committee for Tax Reform repeal the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) that is destroying the community of Americans working overseas.

As one of nearly 7 million American citizens living, working and voting from abroad, and contributing to the economic growth of the US economy, FATCA legislation along with FBAR (Foreign Bank Account Report) are having serious negative consequences for those of us working abroad and for the US economy.

I am an investment professional who has worked in the financial services industry both in the US and Europe for over 25 years. In recent years, especially following the creation of FATCA, I have sadly witnessed the international standing of the US become adversely impacted. Foreign governments and financial institutions view the unilateral imposition of FATCA and Citizen Based Taxation by the US very negatively. They are responding by divesting their investments in US securities and refusing to do business with American citizens living abroad given the highly expensive and burdensome cost of complying with FATCA. Consequently, our country's prestige in the international financial and business community has deteriorated, a development that should be of great concern to all Americans whether they live domestically or outside the US and irrespective of their political affiliation.

I have been personally affected by this situation by having banks deny me banking relationships and refusing to allow me to invest in securities. My ability to seek mortgage financing has been severely limited since many banks refuse American citizens as clients, which has increased my cost of credit. Additionally, since I have to file tax returns both for the US under Citizen-Based Taxation as well as for Switzerland under Residency-Based Taxation where I live, I even incur a lot more tax preparation fees.

Please repeal FATCA and seriously consider the Residence-Based Taxation (RBT) proposal submitted by American Citizens Abroad (ACA). A move towards a residence-based system, like the rest of the world, would resolve the issues of FATCA and FBAR while creating a simpler and fairer system for Americans living abroad and increasing more tax revenue than the current system, which wastes compliance resources for very little return.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip G. Sundquist