

Dear Congress,

I'm an American citizen living abroad with my Canadian husband. I've created a small business in Canada, and work extremely hard to keep my business afloat. I've just succeeded in making the company profitable, but I still make very little income (in fact, a poverty-level salary). I want to continue growing my business to be able to make a reasonable income for myself, but the current US tax law is getting in the way of my success.

Filing taxes in two countries is extremely complicated, and I've had to hire an international tax advisor. Because of this, the costs of filing taxes in the US far outweigh the amount of taxes I actually owe to any jurisdiction. I really can't spare this money, let alone the time cost of producing the declarations. I'm not trying to pay less taxes—I just want to be able to live my life and run my small business without having to keep track of the fiscal laws in 3 jurisdictions.

I'm writing in support of the Residency-based taxation proposal by the organization American Citizens Abroad. Such a proposal would reduce the burden on regular Americans living outside the United States. Please help me and others like me by passing this legislation.

Thank you,

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