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International Tax - International@finance.senate.gov

It has been brought to my attention that we can submit our opinions about taxes (international) to these emails above.

Since I have lived overseas it has been an inconvenience to have to file my taxes (double) for the US and do the same for The Netherlands. I am a resident of the Netherlands, my husband is Dutch, I work part-time and I have not lived in the USA since 2007. But each year I have to file.

I can't afford a fancy International tax consult so I do my taxes myself. The complicated tax rules makes it very difficult and takes me hours via TurboTax.

In my opinion, if one lives (resident) and works outside the US and is not just a temporary Expat family, they shouldn't have to pay double tax and file a complicated US tax form. It should simply ask

Did you live and earn money in the US for the year?

If no, then we shouldn't have to file a US income tax form for the money we earned abroad.

Did you earn interest, dividends on a US bank account?

If yes, file.

If no, don't file

If one earned money both in the US and abroad, then they should file a US tax form for the income they earned in the US.

Thank you for listening.

I hope the system is improved and made easier for those of us that live outside of the US.

Sincerely,
Julie Otten