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General Comment

I'm an American citizen who has been living and working in Canada since 1983. I have no income from US sources nor any investments or assets in the U.S. I have faithfully submitted tax returns to the IRS every year, even though I have never come anywhere close to the minimum income level at which I might owe U.S. taxes. For the first few decades this wasn't much of a burden, as the forms were short and simple. But with the introduction of FATCA and - more relevant here - the FinCEN reporting requirements, I need to hire a specialist accounting firm every year just to get through it without grinding my teeth down to the gum line. The FBAR form is ridiculous, repetitious and pointless, since my accounts are here in Canada where I live and represent my personal savings. Please eliminate the FinCEN reporting requirements or implement a same-country exemption (as per the proposals put forward by Democrats Abroad).

Sincerely, Debra S. Lary