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To whom it may concern,

As an American citizen living abroad for the past 25 years or so, I must say this law makes no sense in the way that it affects all American citizens living abroad. I haven't made money in the U.S. since I worked cleaning hotels in my college years. It makes no sense that, I, a regular 8-5 worker who makes and spends all my money in my country of residence should even have to be reporting my taxes to the IRS. It isn't American money, only money made by an American citizen who also is a citizen of a country in the EU. It is here, where my taxes are used to provide the services I need for me and my family. I have three children and the oldest is 16. None of them have become U.S. citizens yet. The only reason for that is that I do not want to burden them with having to report and possibly pay taxes to a country they do not even work in or have ever grown up in. That unfortunately also means that they lose the opportunity to discover for themselves their identities as Americans, the freedoms we hold dear, and the right to engage in our nation. This saddens me.

I understand the need to make sure that those who hide American money overseas pay their share, but those who do this most likely still live in the United States. They also most likely make enough money where the law does not matter so much to the balance of their livelihood, while for people like me, the burden of dual taxation is a struggle for the whole family.

Please, I ask you to refine this law so as ordinary Americans living abroad do not have to bare the burdens of actions of the most wealthy. Thank you.