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While I understand the rationale for the FBAR -- i.e., to catch unscrupulous individuals who try to avoid paying taxes on large sums of money hidden abroad -- the \*vast majority\* of Americans living abroad are honest folks who are neither wealthy nor criminal.

Given that the US has somehow managed to convince banks abroad to inform the IRS of bank accounts held by Americans, why not use that information to find and prosecute Americans who are hiding bank accounts in non-American banks? That would be fair.

However, the requirement to file an FBAR every year is \*unfair\* as only Americans living abroad are subject to this demand. Would the US require citizens living in the US to do the same? No!

I hasten to add that my son, who was born outside the US and has never lived or worked in the US, is subject to the same requirement. Can you imagine if other countries made this sort of claim on children born in the US to parents who happened to be born elsewhere? I doubt that we would condone this practice!

Please eliminate the FBAR. It is an unfair and costly rule that is completely unnecessary.

Thank you.