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Please rescind this horribly costly and frightening requirement. I have lived solely in the UK since marrying a UK citizen in 1969. I worked for the UK public sector, am a British citizen but still love my native land. BUT the tax regimes of the UK and USA are directly opposed and contradictory to each other. UK fiscal policy incentivises investing in pooled funds (PFICs) while the US regime penalises these heavily, making it punitively expense even to record them on a tax return. What's s more it requires one's non USA citizen-spouse to voluntarily subsidise the US citizen spouse's tax return. This is no small matter, creates emotional and financial tensions in relationships. I have lived in the UK for over half a century, am completely compliant with UK tax requirements, have saved consistently in line with UK policy and now find myself in a horrible position, at 77 years old attempting to complete spreadsheets to report funds held in partnership with my non-US citizen spouse, which seems to me to ge unfair to both of us. It is horribly stressful, has created more sleepless nights than I can count and very many bouts of severe anxiety. I feel complete trapped by the complexity of the conflicting requirements, and the cost of trying to comply with the requirements of both countries. It has led me to seriously consider renouncing my US citizenship - previously an unthinkable prospect. We are the only country in the world, apart from Eritrea, that retains citizen based rather than residency based taxation. - somewhat ironic, given the forces which led our forefathers to create the USA in the first place. It is also only the USA's tax requirements that make it necessary to hire someone else at considerable expense to complete their returns. Please fix this situation for us all.