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The FBAR requirement is an extraordinary burden imposed on tax-paying US citizens who live abroad. My family members, all of whom are tax-paying citizens living outside of the US, are middle-income earners who have to struggle inordinately with tax requirements to the USA. Aside from the extreme burden of filing US taxes, where we do not earn or spend our money (or live), the requirement to report our bank account information is intrusive in an unusual way. The fact that Americans living abroad are assumed to be holding illegal amounts of money in their accounts is contrary to the tenets that underlie our cherished American democracy, and is utterly foreign to (at least) my family's way of thinking about the United States. We are not the only ones--most American citizens abroad are law-abiding tax-payers in the US, but not living on American soil. I ask you please to relieve us of this burden of reporting the FBAR, and also to end the extreme and expensive absurdity of non-resident taxation. We are faithful and loyal Americans, but these taxation policies do not make sense and are costing in good will.