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To whom it may concern,

I am aware that the Australian Government is currently seeking comments on Australian Tax Treaties with other governments.

I am an Australian- USA dual citizens. I was born in Australian and have lived and earned in Australia for my entire life. I am furious that the USA Government thinks they have a right to apply their tax and reporting laws to me.

Why should the USA Government tax me if I earn over a certain amount? This is an amount I am unlikely to ever earn, but that is not the point. Why should they tax the capital gain on the sale of my house or tax my superannuation? Why should they tax anything of mine that is not American?

Filing USA tax is also expensive. It cost over \$AUD700 per year for an accountant as the accountant needs to know the tax system of two countries. Obviously, paying this fee is a necessity because it is not reasonable to expect an average person to know all the ins and outs of two tax systems.

The USA Government also charge USD\$2,350 to renounce USA citizenship and apply other onerous requirements to renouncing as well. Their famous exit tax is a clear attempt to grab money from USA citizens abroad without any valid reason. Obviously, they know how draconian their system is and they know people will pay whatever they must in order to escape their system. This is extortion. Dealing with the USA Government is like dealing with the Mafia!

Needless to say, the policies applied to USA citizens abroad by USA Government has caused a strained relationship between USA citizens abroad and USA Government. Perhaps Australian Government could point out to the USA Government that if USA Government our vote for that matter, they may want to start playing ball with us and drop these rubbish policies.

Would the Australian Government PLEASE tighten up the tax treat with USA Government to eliminate all of this from the lives of USA citizens who live in Australia?

Regards,

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