



DEMOCRATS ABROAD

Democrats Abroad 2016 Platform – Issues Affecting Americans Abroad

Reforms to Equalize the Treatment of Americans Abroad



Americans living outside the U.S. face distinctive challenges that should be resolved by the administration and Congress. Democrats abroad seek constructive solutions to the following matters, beginning with the call for a **Bi-Partisan Commission on Americans Abroad** to study the impact of US legislation on Americans abroad and make recommendations to Congress.

Reform FATCA

We ask Treasury to implement the Same Country Safe Harbor exemption to provide relief to Americans abroad.

Fix the FBAR

We urge Treasury to improve FBAR reporting, adjust inflation thresholds and redress out of proportion penalties.

Return to Residence Based Taxation

We support the repeal of Citizenship Based Taxation.

Simplify Filing for Americans abroad who owe no taxes

We ask for a simple declaration form for non-resident taxpayers who do not owe, accompanied by a tax filing from the taxpayer's country of residence.

Recognize Foreign Retirement Savings Plans

We ask the IRS to recognize foreign retirement savings plans, putting them on equal tax footing with U.S. plans.

New Rules for non-U.S. Savings and Investment Vehicles

We ask for reforms to the taxation and reporting of foreign investment and savings vehicles for non-residents so they can save for retirement.

Amend Medicare Portability

We ask that Medicare cover overseas U.S. citizens in approved medical facilities abroad.

Equalize Social Security Benefits

We ask Congress to pass the Social Security Fairness Act, repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Eliminate Double Taxation of Foreign Government Welfare Payments

We ask that social welfare payments to disabled and indigent U.S. citizens only be taxed in the country making the payment.

Extend Voting Rights to all U.S. Citizens born abroad

We ask that all states provide voting rights to Americans born abroad.

Simplify Residency Application Procedures for Relatives of U.S. Citizens

We ask for faster, simpler procedures for obtaining U.S. permanent residence and citizenship for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens.

Ensure Children of U.S. Parents are Not Born Stateless

We ask for legislation guaranteeing that no child born abroad of a U.S. citizen parent will ever again be stateless at birth.

Due Process for the Passport Revocation Provision of the FAST Act

We strongly urge due process for U.S. citizens affected by this provision.

Extend the Provisions of the ACA to Americans Abroad

We ask for reforms to Obamacare to allow voluntary access to affordable health care to Americans living and travelling abroad.

Grant Amnesty to Accidental Americans

We ask for amnesty for foreign nationals who are citizens of the U.S. in name only, allowing them to shed their unwanted citizenship without fees, penalties or filings.



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