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Republicans Overseas Action files FATCA/IGAs/FBAR lawsuit and charges the U.S. government with eight constitutional violations

Today on behalf of Presidential candidate, Senator Rand Paul along with other six co-plaintiffs (A summary description of each plaintiff is attached), Republicans Overseas Action, Inc. (ROA) challenges the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs), and the Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

ROA heartily thanks all seven plaintiffs, who are U.S. citizens, former U.S. citizens, Republicans, and/or non-Republicans, for their willingness to defend 8.7 million overseas Americans and 12.6 million stateside "green card" holders in their fight against FATCA tyranny.

The U.S. Treasury, IRS, and U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FCEN) are named as Defendants in a verified complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief with eight-counts constitutional violations (the Ten Detailed Points on ROA FATCA/IGAs/FBAR Lawsuit is attached).

"This lawsuit will not only enable Republicans Overseas to defend all overseas Americans' and stateside "Green Card" holders' right to privacy and other constitutional protections, but also provide them immediate injunctive relief by crippling the Treasury's ability to enforce IGAs and IRS/FCEN FATCA enforcement capability," said James Bopp, Jr., the lead lawyer for the lawsuit.

"It also speaks volumes about Obama administration's lawlessness and disregard for the constitution when we have eight constitutional claims against FATCA/IGAs/FBAR in comparison to the Citizens United vs FEC case where I had only one constitutional claim," said Mr. Bopp.

A study conducted by Democrats Abroad (DA), the overseas arm of the Democrat National Committee establishes that FATCA wages war against overseas American women and middle-class taxpayers (<http://v.gd/oSZZJu>). The ROA lawsuit fights back on behalf of all Americans overseas to guarantee them their full constitutional protections.

In contrast, DA has offered to "fix" FATCA by proposing a "Same Country Safe Harbor" (SCSH) which would continue to permit the IRS to collect financial data on Americans overseas with bank accounts in more than one country. The lawsuit confirms that DA's SCSH not only deprives those Americans' right to privacy, but also violates the Equal Protection Clause. Because of SCSH, the IRS would collect information on the financial assets of those U.S. citizens living overseas that it can't collect on U.S. citizens domestically and U.S. citizens abroad with all their accounts in one foreign country.

FATCA and SCSH both turn Americans abroad into the 2nd class citizens subject to discrimination by foreign banks.

"This lawsuit's aim is to restore those overseas Americans' and "Green Card" holders' full citizenship through legal action on constitutional grounds all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court," said Solomon Yue, Vice Chairman and CEO of Republicans Overseas Action and a 15-year veteran member of the Republican National Committee. "Those Americans have constitutional rights to the pursuit of happiness at home and broad," said Mr. Yue.

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