

OVERSEAS AMERICANS WEEK ***AARO and FAWCO***



May 8 - 12, 2023

People We Met

- **House offices:** Pete Sessions TX; Chuy Garcia IL; Darren Soto FL; Jamie Raskin MA; Don Beyer VA; Kay Granger TX; Danny Davis IL; Joint Committee on Taxation; Lloyd Doggett TX; Gwen Moore WI; Drew Ferguson IV GA; Lizzie Fletcher TX; Jay Obernolte CA; Richard Neal MA; Rashida Tlaib MI; Roger Williams TX; Mike Thompson CA; Maria Salazar FL; Darin LaHood IL; Michael McCaul TX; Dan Meuser PA; Dwight Evans PA; James Clyburn SC; Jason Smith MO; Dina Titus NV; Debbie Lesco AZ; Mary Scanlon PA; Patrick McHenry NC and Stacey Plaskett VI
- **Senate offices:** Bob Casey PA; John Kennedy LA; Sheldon Whitehouse RI; Gary Peters MI; Joni Ernst IA; Marco Rubio FL; Marsha Blackburn TN; John Fetterman PA; Ben Cardin MD; Maggie Hassan NH; Maria Cantwell WA; Rick Scott FL; Bernie Sanders VT; Richard Durbin IL; Ron Wyden OR; Michael Bennett CO; Amy Klobuchar MN and Elizabeth Warren MA
- **Government agencies, think tanks, organizations, experts, etc.:** American Enterprise Institute; Cato Institute; State Dept, Bureau of Consular Affairs; American Foreign Service Association; David Pinto; ACA; American Bankers Association, the IRS National Taxpayer Advocate and the US Election Assistance Commissioner

Items We Discussed

- **Eliminating citizenship-based taxation**
- **The inability to open and maintain U.S. and foreign bank accounts**
- **Retirement account issues**
- **Financial reporting burdens and unfair penalties (FATCA / FBAR)**
- **Repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)**
- **The inability of certain Americans abroad to register to vote (lack of residency)**
- **Privacy concerns of the data required by the U.S. government**
- **Travel alerts**
- **Evacuations**
- **The wrongful detentions of Americans**
- **Medicare coverage overseas and the 10% Medicare penalty**
- **The taxation of small businesses**
- **How services of the IRS could be improved**
- **Please join the Americans Abroad Caucus !!!**

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Fred and Doris with Rep. Danny Davis and his Deputy Chief of Staff



Fred and Doris with Rep. Stacey Plaskett

The team with Kimberly Furnish, Director of American Citizen Services, State Dept.



Bills We Discussed

- **H.R. 2729 – “*Commission on Americans Living Abroad Act of 2023*”** (by Rep. Dina Titus), commission to report on how federal laws and policies affect U.S. citizens living abroad
- ***A Tax Simplification Act* to be resubmitted by Rep. Don Beyer (new version of “*Tax Simplification for Americans Abroad Act*,” H.R. 6057 in 117th Congress)**
- **H.R. 82 / S. 597 – “*Social Security Fairness Act of 2023*”** (by Rep. Garrett Graves / Sen. Sherrod Brown) for the elimination of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)
- **H.R. 1220 – “*Bank Privacy Reform Act*”** (by Rep. John Rose) to reform the Bank Secrecy Act to eliminate requirement by financial institutions to report certain financial information to government agencies without a search warrant
- **S. 453 – “*Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act*”** (by Sen. Tim Scott) to prohibit the implementation of new requirements to report bank account deposits and withdrawals
- **“*Overseas Americans Financial Access Act*”** (by Rep. Carolyn Maloney) to create the FATCA same country exception (was H.R. 5799 in 117th Congress, expired now)
- **“*SECURE 2.0 Act*,”** signed into law on December 29, 2022, to address issues related to retirement and savings

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Johanna, Paul and Doris with David Pinto



Laura, Fred and Doris with Tom Hicks, US Election Assistance Commissioner



Johanna, Paul, Fred and Doris with Marylouise Serrato of ACA

The Team and the Capitol !

