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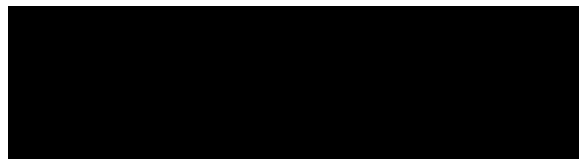
Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 13 October, forwarding three petitions on the effects of the US Foreign Tax Compliance Act on dual EU/US citizens and 'accidental Americans' and drawing my attention to the issues raised in those petitions.

Your letter addresses an important matter, which is of intergovernmental nature. Some EU Member States have signalled their concerns on this issue to the ECOFIN Council over the last years. As a result, the rotating Presidencies who chair the Council's High Level Working Party on Taxation have established informal contacts with the competent departments of the United States in order to find practical and concrete solutions for affected European citizens.

I am convinced that it would be in the interests of all parties to solve the problems related to 'accidental Americans'.

Yours sincerely,



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