Petition to Canadian Government re: Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) in Canada

Whereas the United States is demanding that Canadian financial institutions provide to the United States Treasury and United States Internal Revenue Service comprehensive and confidential financial information on "US persons" who are Canadian citizens and residents;

And

Whereas Canadian Bankers Association has advised that they may comply with FATCA, including possible closure of bank accounts of Canadian citizens and residents who refuse to consent to information being provided to US Treasury and IRS;

And

Whereas FATCA is a foreign law that violates Canada's sovereignty;

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Whereas the term "U.S. person" has no legal meaning in Canada;

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Whereas FATCA violates Canada's Bank Act, Personal Information Protection and Electronics Documents Act (PIPEDA) and Canadian Human Rights Code;

And

Whereas compliance with FATCA would violate Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

Therefore, we request the Canadian government to:

1. **Immediately assure Canadian citizens and residents that all Canadian citizens and residents have the same rights to privacy in managing their financial affairs.**

2. **Advise Canadian financial institutions that they must comply with Canadian laws.**

3. **Assure Canadian citizens and residents that those Canadian laws and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms will not be changed for FATCA.**

4. **Cease negotiating with the United States on any agreement to implement FATCA that will contradict Canada's Charter, its current banking, privacy and human rights laws and the current Canada-US Tax Treaty.**

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