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WITNESSES HARMED BY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S FATCA COMPLIANCE LAW SOUGHT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL-CHARTER TRIAL IN CANADA FEDERAL COURT

The Alliance for the Defence of Canadian Sovereignty (ADCS-ADSC) is seeking witnesses to testify in a Federal Court of Canada trial on harm suffered by reason of the 2014 implementation of a United States law (FATCA - Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act) in Canada.

The Conservative Government defended their implementation of FATCA because of fear of economic sanctions against Canada threatened by the U.S.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told Canadians in a pre-election statement: "We believe that the deal ["Intergovernmental Agreement" (IGA)] reached between Canada and the U.S. is insufficient to protect Canadians". However, his new government has taken no steps to date to reach a settlement of the costly ADCS lawsuit or to seek better protection for Canadians.

FATCA requires Canadian banks to report private banking information to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on all persons deemed by US law to be "U.S. Persons." This includes Canadian citizens resident in Canada with local bank accounts and with no US-sourced income. ADCS claims that this assistance to a foreign government violates Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the sovereignty of Canada, as well as the Prime Minister's statement that "a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian."

In September 2015 the Conservative government turned over to IRS private banking information, without notice to account holders, on approximately 155,000 accounts of persons having a "U.S. taint." If the Charter trial is not successful, the new Liberal Government will continue the handover by September 2016 which will include many additional affected persons as the banks continue to ferret out any "indicia" of "US Personhood."

In order to show the effects of FATCA in Canada, witnesses are needed to provide evidence by affidavit, and possibly in court, of how they have personally suffered harm. Harm may take many forms including distress caused by feeling betrayed by one's own country and the resultant fear, anger, isolation, loss of privacy and breakdown in relationships with family, friends and business associates. Of particular concern are those of, or close to, retirement age.

Those interested in the possibility of being a witness can contact:

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