

Adapt the following letter as you wish but be sure to stress the fact that you are a constituent in your legislator's district/state.

Replace the (*phrases in parentheses and italics*) with your appropriate personal information.

Find your legislators at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

The mailing address for your senator is given on that Senate website; the mailing address given on the House site for your Representative is "decoded" below.

Address your letter to The Honorable (*your legislator's name*).

Thank you for helping in this effort!

When writing to your Representative, address mail to: Office number (given on the website) +
CHOB: Cannon House Office Building / RHOB: Rayburn House Office Building / LHOB: Longworth House Office Building

ALL House mail goes to Washington DC 20515

e.g. 1234 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

Email cover message/sample personal letter for writing to legislators about the "passport revocation" provisions in the "FAST Act".

Dear Representative/Senator (*your legislator's name*),

I am a constituent and a voter in (*your voting district and state*) but am currently living overseas.

Recently, a provision was included as an offset in the FAST Act which may seem very logical but which has **serious unintended consequences on Americans living and working abroad.**

While it may seem logical to prevent residents of the U.S. who owe money to the IRS from having passports which would allow them to "flee" to another country, revoking (or refusing to issue) the passport of an American who lives and works overseas is quite different.

Our U.S. passports are often our only valid means of identification in the countries where we live, and may be required to open bank accounts, obtain mortgages, marry, register a birth abroad, etc.

They are also needed for travel, of course, and for many of us, who live in one country and work or have family members in another, travel across international borders is the same as travel between states in America.

In addition, the law provides for the issuance of a passport for "return to the United States", whereas for us, our tax documents and advisors are most likely in our country of residence (as is our family), so that what we need is rather the ability to return to that country in order to comply with IRS requests and defend ourselves.

The Co-Chairs of the Americans Abroad Caucus have written the attached letter to Secretary Kerry, urging the State Department to exercise flexibility in implementing this law and to recognize the special circumstances of American citizens like me, who live abroad. They are hoping that other Members of Congress will support their request, and I am writing to ask you to **add your name to theirs, showing your overseas constituents that you understand.**

To do so, you can contact Natalee Binkholder in Congressman Mulvaney's office or Max Whitcomb in Congresswoman Maloney's office.

Thank you very much for showing your support for your constituents who represent (*your state*) overseas!

Yours sincerely,

(*your name*)

(*your U.S. voting address*)

(*your overseas address*)