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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporations from exploiting tax treaties to evade taxation of United States income.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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corporations from exploiting tax treaties to evade taxation of United States income.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Tax Breaks for
 5 Corporations Renouncing America Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. DENIAL OF TREATY BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN DE-**
 7 **DUCTIBLE PAYMENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 894 of the Internal Rev-
 9 enue Code of 1986 (relating to income affected by treaty)
 10 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 11 section:

12 “(d) DENIAL OF TREATY BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN
 13 DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A foreign entity shall not
 15 be entitled under any income tax treaty of the
 16 United States with a foreign country to any reduced
 17 rate of any withholding tax imposed by this title on
 18 any deductible foreign payment unless such entity is
 19 predominantly owned by individuals who are resi-
 20 dents of such foreign country.

21 “(2) DEDUCTIBLE FOREIGN PAYMENT.—For
 22 purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘deductible for-
 23 eign payment’ means any payment—

1 “(A) which is made by a domestic entity
2 directly or indirectly to a related person which
3 is a foreign entity, and

4 “(B) which is allowable as a deduction
5 under this chapter.

6 “(3) DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ENTITIES; RE-
7 LATED PERSON.—For purposes of this subsection—

8 “(A) DOMESTIC ENTITY.—The term ‘do-
9 mestic entity’ means any domestic corporation
10 or domestic partnership.

11 “(B) FOREIGN ENTITY.—The term ‘for-
12 eign entity’ means any foreign corporation or
13 foreign partnership.

14 “(C) RELATED PERSON.—The term ‘re-
15 lated person’ has the meaning given such term
16 by section 954(d)(3) (determined by sub-
17 stituting ‘domestic entity’ for ‘controlled foreign
18 corporation’ each place it appears).

19 “(4) PREDOMINANT OWNERSHIP.—For pur-
20 poses of this subsection—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity is predomi-
22 nantly owned by individuals who are residents
23 of a foreign country if—

24 “(i) in the case of a corporation, more
25 than 50 percent (by value) of the stock of

1 such corporation is owned (within the
2 meaning of section 883(c)(4)) by individ-
3 uals who are residents of such foreign
4 country, or

5 “ (ii) in the case of a partnership,
6 more than 50 percent (by value) of the
7 beneficial interests in such partnership are
8 so owned.

9 “(B) PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATIONS.—
10 A foreign corporation also shall be treated as
11 predominantly owned by individuals who are
12 residents of a foreign country if—

13 “(i)(I) the stock of such corporation is
14 primarily and regularly traded on an estab-
15 lished securities market in such foreign
16 country, and

17 “(II) such corporation has activities
18 within such foreign country which are sub-
19 stantial in relation to the total activities of
20 such corporation and its related persons,
21 or

22 “(ii) such corporation is wholly owned (di-
23 rectly or indirectly) by another foreign corpora-
24 tion which is described in clause (i).

1 “(5) CONDUIT PAYMENTS.—Under regulations
2 prescribed by the Secretary, paragraph (1) shall not
3 apply to a payment received by a foreign entity re-
4 ferred to in paragraph (1) if—

5 “(A) within a reasonable period after such
6 entity receives such payment, such entity makes
7 a comparable payment directly or indirectly to
8 another related person,

9 “(B) such related person is a resident of a
10 foreign country with which the United States
11 has an income tax treaty,

12 “(C) such related person is predominantly
13 owned by individuals who are residents of such
14 country, and

15 “(D) the withholding tax rate reduction
16 under such treaty is not less than the with-
17 holding tax rate reduction applicable (without
18 regard to this paragraph) to the payment re-
19 ceived by such foreign entity.”

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
22 of this Act.

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