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Hello Senator ;

I want to firstly congratulate your stance on the issue of the Federal Government's proposed legislation of the overseas \$675 million dollar tax bill !
I am aware of the implications & affects it has on companies not alone the personal individual!
I think that the whole scenario hasn't been thought through well enough & has huge implications not only companies but also the individual overseas blue collar worker!

I work for an Australian company out of New Caledonia for ValeInco building one of the biggest nickel plants in the world to date.I had signed my contract knowing full well that the Australian tax system would not affect me under ruling 23AG.In my understanding that is going to be abolished under the Government's total lose of reality to the overseas working system! We work overseas to give ourselves a platform to build a better future for our families.I certainly don't like working away from my family ,but I do it for all the good reasons. Our remuneration reflects this ! What I can't understand is that how can a government just bring in such a monstrous change without fully taking into account of the situation! I pay Tax out of the country,that's on a fluctuating sliding scale ,I come back into Australia on a 2on/1off roster spend all my money in Australia ! Myself & many of my working associates are now forced into now thinking of moving offshore .
I cannot see how this bill is going to be able to generate the \$675 million expected by the Government!

I strongly support you in any of your efforts Senator, as does the 4000 people working on the project! I hope that common sense prevails but I think we only can cross our fingers now! I didn't intend this email to get too personal but the more you think of the situation the more angry you get !

Yours Sincerely
Regards
Craig Brown