



## Comment on the Commentary of the Day

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18 May 2012

Editor, Washington Post  
1150 15th St., NW  
Washington, DC 20071

Dear Editor:

Your headline on page A22 today that reads "Trade complaint results in stiff tariffs on Chinese solar panels" is more confusing than enlightening. A clearer version would read "Complaint by politically powerful interest group results in stiff taxes on Americans buyers of Chinese solar panels."

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17 May 2012

Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA)

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)  
Capitol Hill

Dear Sen. Casey and Sen. Schumer:

Irrked that Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin has renounced his U.S. citizenship, you propose, with your "Ex-Patriot Act," to punitively tax and to permanently bar from ever again entering America men and women who, to reduce their tax liabilities, renounce their citizenship in the U.S.

The very fact that sitting U.S. senators issue such a proposal - the sick reality that representatives of an allegedly free people act as

if individuals are serfs bound to a master in the form of the state - the noxious yet proudly paraded assumption by American government officials that a peaceful man's or woman's freedom of movement can properly be restricted by a government jealous that it misses the opportunity to seize a huge chunk of what that man or woman earns – does nothing other than to confirm the wisdom and justice of Mr. Saverin's decision.

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16 May 2012

Editor, The Wall Street Journal  
1211 6th Ave.  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Editor:

consumers receive in return.

In the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations, the Obama administration insists on "yarn-forward" rules of origin. These restrictions would effectively require Vietnamese and Malaysian clothing manufacturers who sell their outputs to Americans to buy their fabric from U.S. - rather than from lower-priced Chinese - textile producers (Letters, May 16).

Mystified that some Americans oppose such restrictions, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk declares that "It makes sense to structure a trade agreement to ensure that its participants are the primary beneficiaries of the preferences" (Letters, May 16).

Mr. Kirk's statement is further evidence that the "Progressive" Obama administration still believes in 17th-century economic superstitions - specifically, in the mercantilist myth that a nation's benefits from trade rise with every increase in the amount of valuable goods and services that its producers ship abroad and FALL with every increase in the amount of valuable goods and services that its