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### Significant changes may be on the horizon for the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act

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That the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA) should be revised is one of the few areas of Congressional bi-partisan agreement.

Originally enacted in 1980 to restrict certain tax benefits accruing to foreign investors in real estate, the common view today is that FIRPTA discourages much-needed foreign capital financing of U.S. real estate and infrastructure projects. Further, due to various legislative changes, many of the rules relating to the treatment of foreign corporations holding real estate are viewed as obsolete.

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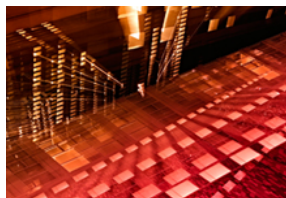
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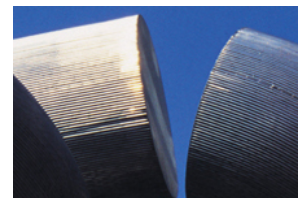
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