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"We're becoming second only to Switzerland in the place people pick to put their money. You know, being second in a lot of things is good - not here... According to the Tax Justice Network, a UK NGO and, from what I can tell, a legit organization, we're second behind Switzerland in terms of safe havens for money laundering... It's hard to beat the Cayman Islands, but we have... We're going to find a way to not be second. We're going to find a way to make it harder to park stolen money in America."

Reference to the Tax Justice Network's 2018 Financial Secrecy Index by **Senator Lindsey Graham** (R-SC), Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Committee Hearing on Combating Kleptocracy: Beneficial Ownership, Money Laundering, and Other Reforms, 19 June 2019

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"The United States has become one of the go-to destinations for the creation of anonymous shell companies, allowing human traffickers, terrorists, money launderers, sanctions evaders, kleptocrats, and other criminals to [act] undetected... The United States is ranked second-worst in the world for its high levels of secrecy and offshore activities, according to the Tax Justice Network's Financial Secrecy Index... As senators committed to protecting U.S. national security, upholding the rule of law, and promoting efficient government, we believe the time is right to reform our laws for combating illicit finance. We've worked together to draft bipartisan legislation that would require U.S. shell companies to report their true owners so that law enforcement can better track and penalize illicit criminal activities."

Senators **Mark R. Warner** (D-VA), **Tom Cotton** (R-AR), **Doug Jones** (D-AL) and **Mike Rounds** (R-SD), op-ed by members of Senate Banking Committee, 18 June 2019

<https://cnb.cx/2NsWzSE>



"Those of us fighting at a global level against tax crimes, and those who are seeking to dismantle the global institutions that promote impunity and fiscal opacity, cannot fail to recognise that without TJN we simply would not have an international movement for tax justice with such strength and visibility. TJN has been fundamental for us in Latin America in providing the theoretical and technical tools to understand the network of mechanisms used by multinational corporations to engage in tax cheating."

Jorge Coronado Marroquin, Social activist, member of *Red Latinoamericana sobre Deuda, Desarrollo y Derechos (LATINDADD)*