

November 29, 2010

The Honorable Mike Johanns  
U.S. Senate  
404 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johanns:

On behalf of the Organized Dentistry Coalition, we support introduction of your amendment (S. Amdt. 4702) to the food safety bill, which repeals the 1099 reporting requirements required pursuant to section 9006 of the Affordable Care Act. We understand your amendment is a full repeal of the new 1099 requirements with an offset from unused stimulus funds.

The section 9006 change would have a significant adverse effect on many dental practices. As small businesses, very few dental practices have the staff resources to absorb the extra workload required to meet the new mandate. Tracking payments to certain individuals for services as well as for services and goods purchased from all individuals and corporations with annual payments of \$600 or more will very likely require a dentist to collect the name and taxpayer identification number of virtually every supplier. Dental practices would have to absorb the administrative costs or pass the expenditures along to patients, unnecessarily increasing dental costs at a time of overall rising health care costs.

Please email C. Scott Litch at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at [slitch@aapd.org](mailto:slitch@aapd.org) with any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Periodontology  
American Association of Endodontists  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
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