



August 10, 2010

The Honorable Senators Durbin and Burris
Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators Durbin and Burris:

On behalf of the 700 business Members of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, I urge you to cosponsor S. 3578, the "Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act." This bill would repeal the chilling effect that Section 9006 of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" would have on businesses, most notably on small businesses and startups.

Unless Section 9006 is repealed, businesses across the United States will be subjected to data collection and information filing on virtually all business-to-business transactions they make equaling \$600 or more in a year.

During a time when America is counting on the small business community to generate jobs and grow the economy, it is imperative that we not force small businesses to divert their precious time and resources to collect volumes of information and fill out mounds of new paperwork for the government.

These onerous requirements will not only make it more complicated for small businesses and start ups, it may make it harder for them to conduct business at all. Section 9006 may force businesses to reduce data collection and paperwork burdens by reducing the number of vendors they work with, and refusing to entertain new business dealings.

Furthermore, enforcing this new law would be impractical. Even with all of the additional information these reports would provide, the IRS would still be unable to accurately reconstruct a picture of a company's revenues, since a large volume of business-to-consumer transactions are not separately reported. Clearly this approach offers minimal benefits as a tool for reducing non-compliance.

In the end, our tax system relies on the willingness to voluntarily comply. These vast new data collection and reporting requirements may be viewed by many small business owners as unreasonable and overreaching, undermining confidence in the government and setting up future tax collection efforts for failure. This provision was used as an unrelated "pay for" in the PPACA and it should be rescinded based on the merits of the provision alone.

For the above reasons, I urge you to support the repeal of Section 9006 by cosponsoring the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act (S. 3578).

Sincerely,

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