



February 7, 2011

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stabenow:

On behalf of the American College of Rheumatology, I would like to express our appreciation for your affirmative vote on S. Amdt. 9 on February 2. Your vote is a positive step to repeal the frivolous 1099 reporting requirement authorized in the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act*. If not repealed, this provision will create unnecessary burdens for rheumatologists and all businesses across the nation.

The ACR commends the United States Senate for this bi-partisan agreement; a necessary improvement to the Affordable Care Act. We hope that the House of Representatives recognizes the importance of repealing this provision and acts swiftly in the coming weeks.

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Sincerely,

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