

**To All Our Lodges: Help Repeal the Costly New IRS 1099 Law!**

Every Lodge in our state and as many individual Elks as possible need to act immediately to try to repeal new IRS reporting requirements which were hidden in the massive federal health care law. The new IRS provision would force devastating bookkeeping requirements on our Lodges starting next year.

Unless we repeal this law we will be forced to keep track of and send IRS Form 1099 to every store and supplier where we spend as little as \$600 total in a year-----including such stores as WalMart, Office Depot, the utility company, and our beer suppliers, just to name a few for example. To comply with the law you will have to compile and keep the FEI numbers and headquarters addresses for every corporation and person you do business with. It will be a ridiculous nightmare of paperwork.

Every Lodge should immediately write their member of the U.S. House of Representatives and their two United States Senators asking that this requirement be repealed. Put your letter on Lodge letterhead. Ask as many individual Elks as possible to also personally write to their Congressman.

Do not use form letters! Do not use email. Snail mail only. Be courteous. Just use your own words to tell your Congressman **that the IRS Form 1099 requirement of the health care bill will be costly and devastating** to our Lodges. Ask them simply to **please join the congressional effort to repeal the 1099 requirement**. That's all you need to say.

In locating your congressman's address, be aware of any changes caused by the recent elections. If your Congressman has a local office, go by and visit and talk with the staff. Tell them that this burden will be costly and detract from the good community and charitable works of the Lodge. I would appreciate hearing any response or feedback you receive from your letters or your visits.

You can read a complete discussion of the horrors of this new law at <http://www/glgrc.org> **Please join our Lodges across America in acting today to repeal this costly and needless burden.**

Fraternally,

State Government Relations Chair  
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Letter to State Chairs....

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Dear Karl:

I am enclosing a letter which needs to go to every Lodge in Texas immediately seeking their help to repeal the devastating IRS 1099 requirements of the new federal health care law, as we discussed at the Oklahoma City seminar.

Feel free to personalize the letter as you might think best. I will be interested in any feedback you get.

You may be aware that President Obama has now called for repeal of this requirement. That's welcome news but it must not deter us from doing our part. We must alert our congressmen and Senators as to our concerns and give them our support in repealing this burden.

The combined efforts of our Texas Lodges, along with the efforts of Lodges all across America, can have a profound effect in Congress if every Lodge lets its voice be heard.

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