



July 23, 2010

Health Care Law Mandates Excessive Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses

Among the recently enacted health care law's massive mandates and regulations on American employers is a new requirement for business owners to submit a separate tax form for every single business-to-business transaction that totals more than \$600 in a given year. Under current law, businesses must report to the IRS services performed by non-corporate entities, i.e., independent contractors, by filling out a 1099 form. The health care bill vastly expands that requirement by extending it to corporate vendors and by mandating reporting for goods and gross revenues. This means small business owners will have to provide 1099 forms for basic businesses expenses, including phone and internet service, shipping costs, and office supplies – substantially increasing the price of doing business in an economic environment that is already challenging enough. In addition to cosponsoring legislation to repeal the overreaching health care law, Congressman Miller has also cosponsored legislation to specifically repeal this onerous reporting requirement. As small businesses are the economic engine of our nation, Congressman Miller will continue to fight against excessive mandates and burdens on these job creators.

Congressman Millers Urges Comprehensive Border Security Funding

Recently, Congressman Miller and several of his colleagues sent a letter to Congressional appropriators urging the inclusion of \$40 million in the Fiscal Year 2010 Emergency Supplemental for the district courts along the Southwest border. During the last several years, stepped up enforcement and prosecution efforts in Southwest border jurisdictions have resulted in a huge surge in the number of drug, immigration, and weapons cases being filed in courts along the border. Consequently, the current workload experienced by the five district courts along the Southwest border is overwhelming and unsustainable. As it stands now, the Fiscal Year 2010 Supplemental provides a total of \$701 million for border security but contains no funding for the district courts. If the district courts along the Southwest border are not provided additional funding, a bottleneck in the judicial system will occur because the courts will lack the necessary resources to process the additional criminal cases brought by the Department of Justice as a result of the stepped-up border security efforts. Consequently, cases will be turned away and justice will not be served simply because Congress and the Obama administration did not provide comprehensive border security funding. To view the letter, [click here](#).

House Passes Legislation to Ban Animal Crush Videos

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed legislation that Congressman Miller has cosponsored to prohibit knowingly selling or offering to sell an animal crush video in interstate or foreign commerce for commercial gain. Crush videos are defined as any visual depiction, including any photograph, motion-picture film, video recording, or electronic image, which depicts animal cruelty. This legislation comes in response to the Supreme Court's recent ruling in *United States v. Stevens*, a case charging the seller of dogfighting videos under a 1999 law prohibiting the sale of "crush" videos and other depictions of illegal acts of animal cruelty. In its 8-1 ruling, the Court nullified the law in question citing that it was too broad. The bill passed this week is designed to address the Court's concerns and would effectively prevent animal crush videos. As the loving owner of two dogs, Congressman Miller believes firmly that violence is not a First Amendment issue but is a law enforcement issue. He is pleased the House has passed this legislation and will continue to work in Congress to prevent the cruel treatment of animals.

Concerned About Identity Theft?

Worried about identity theft? The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently published a new and updated document concerning this widespread problem. Identity theft occurs when a citizen's personal information – name, social security number or driver's license – is taken and used by someone else. To prevent this crime, the IRS suggests not carrying your Social Security Card with you and checking your credit report annually by visiting www.AnnualCreditReport.com or calling 1-877-322-82280. What can you do if you think your identity has been stolen? Report incidents of identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or at 1-877-438-4338. You can also contact the IRS and explain your situation. For IRS information visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-829-1040. For issues concerning any federal agency, constituents may contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at 714-257-1142.