



# Marine Retailers Association of America

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The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sent by FAX: 202-224-7327 and 202-224-2499

Dear Leader Reid and Leader McConnell:

We are writing on behalf of the Marine Retailers Association of America to express our strong support of the amendment that will be offered shortly by Senator Mike Johanns to S. 493, the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Reauthorization Act, to repeal the expanded IRS Form 1099 reporting requirement for small business contained in Section 9006 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). We urge the Senate to vote **for** the Johanns amendment.

MRAA is the national association of small businesses which sell and service new and pre-owned recreational boats and operate marinas and boat accessory stores.

The Johanns amendment is simple and straightforward. It supports full repeal of the expanded 1099 reporting requirement where small businesses would have to report all purchases that exceed \$600.00 per year from a vendor. We hear every day from our members how difficult and time consuming it will be to keep track of these purchases required under the onerous mandate of the PPACA.

In addition, we understand Senator Robert Menendez may offer a second degree amendment to the Johanns amendment, which would place a condition on the repeal based on the outcome of a study to be conducted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. We urge the Senate to vote **against** the Menendez amendment.

Sincerely,

Phil Keeter  
President

Dave Foulkrod  
Chairman