

# ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

**Stop the 40% tax on health benefits**

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## **Alliance to Fight the 40 Statement on the House Health Care Reform Task Force Report**

**Washington, DC**— The Alliance to Fight the 40, a broad-based coalition seeking to repeal the 40% tax on employee health benefits, also known as the “Cadillac Tax,” issued the following statement on, “A Better Way to Fix Health Care,” the House of Representative Republicans’ Health Care Reform Task Force report:

“We appreciate that the proposal includes the categorical rejection of the ‘Cadillac Tax’ said James A. Klein, President of the American Benefits Council. “The ‘Cadillac Tax’ must be repealed to protect the benefits of 175 million Americans who depend on employer-sponsored health coverage. In addition, we must be cautious of any policy changes that disrupt the health care marketplace by shifting costs to workers—including the report’s proposed caps on the employee exclusion from taxation.”

The “Cadillac Tax” is a 40% tax on the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage that exceeds certain benefit thresholds and is set to go in to effect in 2020. In addition to the growing coalition of supporters that are part of the Alliance to Fight the 40, there is broad bipartisan support in Congress for repealing the tax. Legislation to repeal the 40% tax has garnered 298 co-sponsors in the House and, in December 2015, legislation to fully repeal the tax passed in the Senate with a 90-10 margin.

**The Alliance to Fight the 40** is a broad based coalition comprised of public and private sector employer organizations, consumer groups, patient advocates, unions, health care companies, businesses and other stakeholders that support employer-sponsored health coverage. This coverage is the backbone of our health care system and protects over 175 million Americans across the United States. The Alliance seeks to repeal the 40% tax on employee health benefits to ensure that employer-sponsored coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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