

ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

Stop the 40% tax on health benefits



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LUNTZ POLL: 81% of VOTERS OPPOSE TAXING EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE

WASHINGTON— An election night poll on key issues in the 2018 Midterm Election, conducted by renowned pollster Frank Luntz, highlights that **81% of voters oppose taxes on employer-provided health care coverage.** Despite this overwhelming sentiment, the 40 percent “Cadillac Tax” is set to tax these benefits for the first time. We urge Congress to repeal this tax, which is already increasing out-of-pocket costs for workers and their families.

On *Fox Business* this morning, Luntz recounted the results: “81% of Americans believe that employer provided health insurance should continue to be tax free because they’re nervous that the tax will be passed along to consumers.” He added that “[Americans] expect Washington to make a fundamental difference that does not add to their cost, does not take away their choice and control, and provides some quality that they deserve.”

“On election night, voters stated clearly that health care was the most important issue facing the nation,” said James A. Klein, president of the American Benefits Council. “Despite a booming economy, working families are stretched to the limit and they can’t afford to pay even more for health care.

“Congress has an opportunity to return next week and fully repeal the ‘Cadillac Tax’ during their lame duck session of Congress,” Klein continued. “Protecting the employer-provided health insurance system is a winning issue, not only Congress, but for the 181 million Americans who get health insurance from their job.”

More than 181 million Americans rely on health care coverage provided by an employer. The employer-sponsored health care system is stable, efficient, affordable, and effective in covering more than half of all Americans. Let’s work together to protect what works and keep health care affordable. **#DontTaxMyHealthCare**

The Alliance to Fight the 40|Don’t Tax My Health Care is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, local governments, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. This coverage is the backbone of our health care system and protects more than 181 million Americans. The Alliance seeks to repeal the 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health benefits and to prevent increased income taxes on workers, families and retirees who rely on employer-provided health coverage. The Alliance is committed to ensuring that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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