

ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

Stop the 40% tax on health benefits



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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES JOINS THE ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40 | DON'T TAX MY HEALTH CARE TO REPEAL THE "CADILLAC TAX" TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE FOR CITY WORKERS

WASHINGTON— The **Alliance to Fight the 40 | Don't Tax My Health Care**, a broad-based coalition committed to repealing the 40 percent "Cadillac Tax" on employer-sponsored health benefits, today announced the National League of Cities has joined the effort.

"We are thrilled to have the National League of Cities — representing more than 1600 cities — across the nation join our diverse group," said James A. Klein, president of the American Benefits Council. "Healthy cities start with healthy families. Our effort to repeal the 'Cadillac Tax' and protect employer-sponsored coverage is critical for helping workers and their families stay healthy."

"We are thrilled to join with the Alliance to repeal the 'Cadillac Tax' and protect the health benefits of municipal workers," said Clarence E. Anthony, CEO and executive director of the National League of Cities. "New taxes on the health coverage provided to city employees will add expenses to already-strapped city budgets. We must repeal this onerous tax that cities and city workers cannot afford."

The "Cadillac Tax" is a 40% tax on the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage that exceeds certain benefit thresholds – initially, \$10,800 for self-only coverage and \$29,100 for family coverage in 2020. The Affordable Care Act repeal-and-replace plan under consideration by the House of Representatives delays the "Cadillac Tax" until 2025.

***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-sponsored health coverage. This coverage is the backbone of our health care system and protects over 177 million Americans. The Alliance seeks to repeal the 40% "Cadillac Tax" on health benefits and work with Congress and the Administration to prevent increased income taxes on workers, families and retirees who rely on employer-sponsored health coverage. The Alliance is committed to ensuring that employer-sponsored coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families.*

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