

ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

Stop the 40% tax on health benefits

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More than 290 House Members Sign on to Repeal “Cadillac Tax”

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressional support for repeal of the “Cadillac Tax” grew as 291 House members have signed on to legislation to fully repeal the tax. The number of cosponsors signifies a veto proof majority in the House, marking a pivotal point in the effort to repeal the Cadillac Tax.

“291 cosponsors of the House legislation further illustrates the growing bipartisan support to repeal this onerous tax,” said James A. Klein, President of the American Benefits Council.

“This tax does not just touch high-cost healthcare plans – it will hit workers, retirees and families with ordinary coverage who have the misfortune to have catastrophic health events or chronic conditions that are expensive to treat,” continued Klein, “We applaud all the House members who recognize the harmful effects of this tax and are working to protect the benefits of 175 million workers.”

The “Cadillac Tax” is a 40% non-deductible tax on the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage that exceeds certain benefit thresholds – initially, \$10,200 for self-only coverage and \$27,500 for family coverage in 2018.

However, the “Cadillac Tax” extends much further than these high-cost plans. There are 175 million Americans – including retirees, low- and moderate-income families, public sector employees, small businesses and the self-employed – who currently depend on employer-sponsored health coverage and all of them are at risk of the tax.

The growing support in the House comes on the heels of an overwhelming 90-10 Senate vote last week to approve an amendment to fully repeal the “Cadillac Tax.” The two bills in the House are H.R. 879 introduced by Rep. Frank Guinta (R-NH) and H.R. 2050 introduced by Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT).

[The Alliance to Fight the 40](http://www.fightthe40.com) 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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