

# ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

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

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## **Alliance to Fight The 40 Adds The North Carolina Business Group on Health as a New Member**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Alliance to Fight the 40, a broad-based coalition seeking to repeal the 40 percent tax on employee health benefits, announced today that the North Carolina Business Group on Health (NCBGH) has joined the group. NCBGH, a trade association of North Carolina employers working to impact the quality and cost of healthcare delivery systems, will help the Alliance fight the 40 percent tax that applies to plans sponsored by both private sector and public sector employers, non-profit organizations and even self-employed individuals.

“NCBGH’s voice in this debate will be invaluable as we seek to repeal the tax that threatens health coverage for over 175 million Americans,” said James A. Klein, President of the American Benefits Council.

“We are thrilled to join the Alliance to Fight the 40,” said Kimberli Lasyone, president of NCBGH. “We look forward to working with the Alliance to repeal the ‘Cadillac Tax’ so we protect the more than 4 million North Carolinians who rely on employer-sponsored health benefits.”

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.

In addition to the growing coalition of supporters that are part of the Alliance to Fight the 40, there is increased momentum in Congress to repeal the tax. Legislation to repeal the 40 percent tax has garnered 267 co-sponsors in the House and 30 co-sponsors in the Senate.

**The Alliance to Fight the 40** is a broad-based coalition comprised of public and private sector employer organizations, 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.

**For more information on the 40% Tax on Health Benefits, visit our website at [www.fightthe40.com](http://www.fightthe40.com) or follow us on Twitter @Fightthe40.**

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