

# ALLIANCE TO FIGHT THE 40

Stop the 40% tax on health benefits

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## Alliance to Fight the 40 Refutes Burwell Comments on So-Called “Cadillac Tax”

Washington, D.C. – The Alliance to Fight the 40, a broad-based coalition seeking to repeal the 40% tax on employee health benefits, issued the following statement regarding today’s defense of the so-called “Cadillac Tax” by Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell:

“We fundamentally disagree with the premise of Secretary Burwell’s defense of the so-called ‘Cadillac tax.’ Employers and their workers already have every incentive to keep costs low and push for more efficient care. But the reality is that many plans are expensive not because they are ‘too generous’ but because they cover large numbers of women, or older or disabled workers or families with chronic health conditions. To follow through on its support for ‘health care that works for all Americans,’ the Obama Administration should start by protecting the employer-sponsored coverage that serves 175 million Americans.”

[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.

For more information on the 40 percent 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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