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## Council urges passage of ‘Cadillac Tax’ repeal bill

WASHINGTON, DC – Accompanying [a letter to U.S. House of Representatives leadership](#) on July 14, American Benefits Council President James A. Klein issued a statement urging swift and overwhelming passage of the Middle Class Health Tax Repeal Act (H.R. 748), which is slated for a vote on the House floor this week.

**“We applaud the House of Representatives leadership for scheduling a vote to repeal the so-called ‘Cadillac Tax’ on health benefits. Health care coverage is not a luxury good, and it shouldn’t be taxed that way. The last thing our employees need or want is higher health costs.**

**“The data is clear that this tax punishes plans that are expensive for reasons beyond the control of employer sponsors and the people covered by them. This includes, women, older and disabled workers and families with chronic or catastrophic conditions. Repeal is overwhelmingly supported by Democrats and Republicans alike since they recognize the threat it poses to employer-sponsored health coverage. Enactment of the Middle Class Health Tax Repeal Act is a tangible step Congress must take to help preserve employer-provided health benefits.”**

For more information on health policy, or to arrange an interview with Klein or Ilyse Schuman, senior vice president, health policy, contact Jason Hammersla, Council vice president, communications, at [jhammersla@abcstaff.org](mailto:jhammersla@abcstaff.org) or by phone at 202-289-6700 (office) or (202) 422-4652 (cell).

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