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Council applauds House approval of provision to delay ‘Cadillac Tax,’ urges Senate to follow suit

WASHINGTON, DC – Council President James A. Klein issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives’ approval of an omnibus spending package, including a two-year delay of the 40 percent “Cadillac Tax” on employer-sponsored health coverage.

“The House's approval of a two-year delay of the ‘Cadillac Tax’ brings us one step closer to its ultimate repeal.” We applaud Representatives Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Frank Guinta (R-NH), who have championed repeal in the House, and the bipartisan House leaders who made this vote possible. The overwhelming support for delay underscores the danger this tax poses for businesses that want to provide quality health coverage for their employees. We urge the Senate to follow suit and approve the measure,” said Klein.

For more information on health policy issues, or to arrange an interview with Klein or Katy Spangler, senior vice president, health policy, please contact Jason Hammersla, Council senior director of communications, at jhammersla@abcstaff.org or by phone at 202-289-6700 (office) or (202) 422-4652 (mobile).

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