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### **House, Senate delay of health care ‘Cadillac Tax’ a critical first step toward full repeal**

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

“When people really look at the so-called ‘Cadillac Tax,’ they see what a bad deal it is for employers and employees. Every week more organizations join our diverse coalition – [the Alliance to Fight the 40](#) – to seek repeal of the tax. A two-year delay helps us continue building momentum for repeal,” said Klein.

“We applaud the many Senate champions on this issue. Senators Heller, Heinrich and Brown, who have authored repeal legislation, and Leaders McConnell, Reid, Schumer and Finance Chairman Hatch who pushed to include delay in the larger spending bill. We look forward to working with them – and the rest of the 90 Senators who voted to repeal the tax just a few weeks ago – to build upon this important step and stop the tax before it ever goes into effect,” Klein said.

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](mailto:jhammersla@abcstaff.org) or by phone at 202-289-6700 (office) or (202) 422-4652 (mobile).

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