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Nationwide poll shows voter support for lawmakers who vote to repeal “Cadillac Tax,” strong skepticism of proponents’ claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. – “Voters across the country agree: **the so-called ‘Cadillac Tax’ on high-cost health plans should be repealed,**” American Benefits Council president James A. Klein said today, referencing [the results from a new survey](#) conducted by Public Opinion Strategies, a national public opinion polling firm.

The “Cadillac Tax” is a 40 percent tax on the value of employer-sponsored health coverage that exceeds certain benefit thresholds – estimated to be \$10,800 for self-only coverage and \$29,100 for family coverage in 2020. The survey sought the opinions of 1,200 registered voters all along the political spectrum.

“Today’s survey not only shows that those favoring repeal outnumber those favoring implementation by more than three to one, it also reveals deep skepticism that the tax will deliver on its purported benefits,” Klein said.

“Proponents have offered up two consistent arguments for implementing the tax: they say it will help fund the Affordable Care Act and it will lower health costs,” Klein said. “But voters overwhelmingly reject the flawed assumptions behind both of these assertions, particularly the laugh-out-loud notion that employers will automatically raise wages as they reduce health benefits.”

“There are two particularly noteworthy findings in this survey. First, we expected the public would see some positive and some negative consequences of the tax. But by wide margins voters conclude that the possible positive results of the Cadillac tax are

the *least* likely to occur, and the negative consequences are *most* likely to occur,” Klein said.

“Additionally, despite the partisan debate regarding the Affordable Care Act, overall, there is remarkable agreement across the political spectrum that the Cadillac tax should be repealed. And voters in both Democratic and Republican districts report that they are more likely to vote to re-elect their Congressional representative if she/he votes to repeal the Cadillac tax,” Klein noted.

[A key findings memo, along with topline results from the survey, is available here.](#)

Public Opinion Strategies is a nationally recognized firm that conducts extensive polling on public policy and political matters, including the Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll and the CNBC Quarterly All-America Economic Survey.

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