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*Council commends Congress on passage of funding bill with health tax provisions*

## **Two-year delay of “Cadillac Tax” a timely, important step on road to full repeal**

WASHINGTON, DC – “We applaud Congress for approving a critically important two-year delay of the 40 percent ‘Cadillac Tax’ on employer-sponsored health coverage as part of the government funding bill,” Council President James A. Klein said today.

“Because companies typically make health plan decisions 18 to 24 months in advance, employers were reluctantly considering curtailing benefits or increasing workers’ out-of-pocket costs to meet the prior 2020 deadline. Today’s welcome reprieve allows employers to maintain the health coverage working families need and want while we continue to work to address this tax permanently,” Klein said.

“The Council continues to believe that full repeal is the only real solution to this onerous tax on working families,” Klein said. “But we are very grateful for the two-year delay approved by Congress.”

For more information on health policy matters, or to arrange an interview with Klein, 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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