

Talking Points on Proposed Health Benefit Tax

I am calling about the American Health Care Act bill.

I receive my health insurance through my employer. I'm pleased that the House Republican proposal to repeal and replace the affordable care act does NOT include new direct taxes on workers' employer-sponsored health benefits, such as a cap on the tax exclusion for such benefits.

However, I am disappointed that the American Health Care Act only delays the 40% excise tax on workers' health benefits, the so-called "Cadillac tax."

This bill would repeal all of the other taxes that were included in the Affordable Care Act, except for the so-called "Cadillac Tax". With repeal of these other taxes, insurers, corporations, and the wealthy get a tax cut. Hard working middle class Americans only get a delay this tax until 2025 and an onerous charge looming over them.

It is unconscionable that hardworking Americans will continue to have this 40% penalty on benefits they've fought hard to receive looming over them, while insurers, corporations, and the wealthy see their taxes repealed immediately.

Many working families live in high cost areas and their benefits are affected by factors out of their control.

I am already seeing the impact of this looming tax, with employers reducing benefits or shifting more and more of the cost of health care benefits on to workers and their families.

I hope you will support a proposal to the American Health Care Act to repeal the so-called "Cadillac Tax."

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