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Alliance to Fight for Health Care joins dozens of organizations urging Congress to keep employer-provided health care coverage tax-free

Today, the **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** joined 70 organizations, employers, unions, patient and disease advocacy groups, and health care stakeholders in reminding Congress of the value of employer-provided health care coverage and explaining why it should remain tax-free.

[The letter](#) notes, “We are deeply concerned about proposals that will jeopardize the affordability and accessibility of health coverage. In addition to broad societal benefits and underpinning the stability of our health care system, the current tax-favored treatment of employer-provided health coverage delivers critical value for employers, workers and their families, and the federal government itself.”

“Today, some believe that taxing employee health care will promote ‘consumerism’ in health care, lower health care costs and the trajectory of health care inflation, as well as increase wages,” said **James A. Klein**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. “Unfortunately, ‘wishing’ for outcomes in a world that does not exist does not make these wishes come true. Taxing employment-based health care will predictably result in less health care coverage and potentially worse health outcomes.”

“Again and again, proposals like this have proven deeply unpopular with Americans. [Unraveling](#) America’s health care system is a losing proposition—especially for Republicans. Bad policy, bad politics – taxing health coverage is a lose-lose situation. The Alliance to Fight for Health Care strongly opposes proposals to tax Americans’ health coverage and urges policymakers to disavow this misguided idea,” **Klein** concluded.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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