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American Health Policy Institute Applauds Congress for Repealing Harmful Healthcare Taxes

Washington, D.C. – Today, the American Health Policy Institute released the following statement of support for including the full repeal of the Affordable Care Act’s 40 percent excise tax on employer-sponsored plans, the health insurance tax, and the medical device tax in the year-end federal budget package.

“The American Health Policy Institute commends Congress for protecting Americans from three taxes that negatively impact their health care benefits and increase health care costs. The Institute’s research shows the Cadillac tax and the health insurance tax have direct and substantial cost impacts on premiums and cost-sharing that employees and their dependents pay for employer-provided health benefits. Repealing these taxes will strengthen and preserve health coverage for 181 million Americans,” said Mark Wilson, President of the American Health Policy Institute.

The American Health Policy Institute played an instrumental role in the delay of the tax in 2015 and 2018 and ultimately in the repeal of the excise tax by publishing three studies on the harmful impact of the tax and the benefits of the current tax treatment of employer-provided health care benefits ([here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). These studies have been cited extensively by health care influencers, reporters, employers and other business leaders and have helped better explain the actual cost of these taxes to American employers, employees and average family plans across the U.S.

“Our members are grateful to the bipartisan group in Congress for their thoughtful consideration of the impact of these taxes, and their decision to repeal them,” said Wilson.

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American Health Policy Institute is a non-partisan non-profit think tank, started by the HR Policy Foundation that examines the practical implications of health policy changes through the lens of large employers. The Institute examines the challenges employers face in providing health care to their employees and recommends policy solutions to promote the provision of affordable, high-quality, employer-based health care. The Institute serves to provide thought leadership grounded in the practical experience of America’s largest employers. The Institute’s mission is to develop impactful strategies to ensure that those purchasing health care are able to not only bend the cost curve, but actually break it, by keeping health care cost inflation in line with general inflation. To learn more, visit www.americanhealthpolicy.org.