March 1, 2019

Dear Member of Congress,

The undersigned organizations— representing a diverse group of industries and interests — urge Congress to work with us to protect the health care of the more than 181 million Americans who receive health care coverage through an employer. We are asking members of Congress to cosponsor the bipartisan HR 748, the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019, and to work together to swiftly repeal the impending 40% tax on employer-provided health care before working Americans and their families, who are already stretched too thin, are hit with this onerous tax increase.

Congress has acted twice to protect Americans from the consequences of the “Cadillac Tax,” but this policy is already causing an adverse effect on the affordability and quality of health coverage available to employees and their families. According to Kaiser Family Foundation 2018 data, since 2010, deductibles have risen 89%, while wage growth has remained comparatively flat.

While this tax was intended to only hit Americans with “gold-plated” plans, the reality is that very modest plans covering low- and moderate-income working families are projected to trigger the tax. The tax will disproportionately tax the health plans of women, seniors, working middle class families, the sick, and the disabled. Small businesses that already struggle to offer health care coverage will also be heavily penalized. This tax has real and harmful consequences – Americans cannot afford to pay more for their health care.

Employer-provided coverage is the backbone of our health care system and the primary source of coverage for the majority of Americans. According to 2018 mid-term election polling, 81% of voters oppose taxing employer-provided health coverage.

The looming 40% “Cadillac Tax” on employer-provided health coverage is widely opposed by both Republicans and Democrats. Over 300 members of the House of Representatives cosponsored legislation in the last Congress to repeal the tax.

To cosponsor this important legislation please reach out to Maria Costigan with Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT) or Brendan Fulmer with Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA).

Working families are already stretched too thin. Let’s work together to keep health care affordable and available for 181 million Americans.

Sincerely,

Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Adel-Cook Chamber of Commerce
Aflac
AFL-CIO
African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
AGC of South Dakota, Inc.
AGC of Western Kentucky
Alabama Tire Dealers Association
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce
Alliance for Retired Americans
Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota
Alliance to Fight the 40
Amalgamated Transit Union
American AVL

American Bankers Association HSA Council
American Benefits Council
American Eagle Outfitters
American Federation of Teachers
American Institute of Physics (AIP)
America’s Health Insurance Plans
AR State Chamber/AIA
ARC Fertility
Arizona Association of Health Underwriters (AAHU)
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Associated Benefits Corporation
Associated General Contractors
Associated General Contractors of Alaska
Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.
Associated General Contractors of MN
Associated General Contractors of Virginia
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
Association of Washington Business
Auburn Chamber of Commerce
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce
Austin Association of Health Underwriters (AAHU-TX)
Auto Care Association
Automotive Aftermarket Association of the Mid-South, Inc.
Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast
Avant Healthcare Professionals
AWA Insurance Company
Barry Hughes Chamber Member
Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce
Baylor College of Medicine
Baytown Chamber of Commerce
BBX Capital Corporation
Berkeley Chamber
Beth Haven Community
Big Bear Chamber of Commerce
Bigs Insurance Services
Billings Chamber of Commerce
Blair County Chamber of Commerce
Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City
BlueScope Steel North America
Boca Ratón Chamber
Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce
Bossier Chamber of Commerce
Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce
Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce
Bozuto Associates
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
Bruker Corporation
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
California Automotive Wholesalers Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Schools Veba
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce
CancerCare
Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber
Capital Region Chamber
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
Carolinas AGC
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Carson City Chamber of Commerce
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce
CC Industries
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Central CT Chambers of Commerce
Central Illinois Association of Health Underwriters (CIAHU)
Central Jersey Association of Health Underwriters (CJAHU)
Central Kentucky Association of Health Underwriters (CKAHU)
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce
Central Maryland Chamber
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.
Cerberus Home Watch
Chamber630
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Association of Health Underwriters (CAHU-NC)
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry
Chicago & Northeastern Illinois Association of Health Underwriters (CNIAHU)
Chosen Foods
Church Alliance
Cigna
Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative
City of Hannibal
Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce
Clovis Unified School District
Coastal Alabama Business Chamber
Coastal Association of Health Underwriters (Wilmington, NC)
Coastal Bend Association of Health Underwriters (Corpus Christi)
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce
Colas Inc.
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources
Colorado Competitive Council
Colorado State Association of Health Underwriters (CSAHU)
Comau LLC
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
Consolidated Telecommunications Company
Construction Employers Association
Contractors Association of West Virginia
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
Cornerstone Financial Group, Inc.
Corporate Health Care Coalition
County of Johnson, KS
Crowd Holdings, Inc.
Cunix Insurance Services
Cushing Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Cuyahoga Community College
Cyndee Bryant
Dallas Association of Health Underwriters (DAHU)
Darke County Chamber of Commerce
Davidson Camp Insurance Services, LLC
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Del Rio Chamber of Commerce
Denihan Hospitality Group
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Dexter Apache Holdings, Inc.
DirectPath, LLC
Donna Tanner
Drug Plastics and Glass
Duez Corporation
East Bay Chamber of Commerce
East Parker County Chamber of Commerce
Eastern Idaho Association of Health Underwriters
Eastern Washington Association of Health Underwriters (Spokane)
Easton Chamber of Commerce, Easton MA
Eastside Bavarian ECFC
Edison Electric Institute
Edmond Chamber of Commerce
Edward Jones - Financial Advisor David Bleiweiss
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
Employers Health Purchasing Corporation
Erickson Financial Services, Inc.
Escondido Chamber of Commerce
Evergreen Chevrolet
Eversource Energy
Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce
PCA US LLC
Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce
First Focus Campaign for Children
Platonia Chamber of Commerce
Fleet Painting Service
Florida Association of Health Underwriters (FAHU)
Florida Chamber of Commerce
FNA of NJ
Food Marketing Institute
Fred Butler, Former Issaquah Mayor
Fort Worth Association of Health Underwriters (FWAHU)
Fox Valley Technical College
Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Frontline Antenna LLC
Professional Benefit Consultants, Inc
Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable
R. M. Palmer Company
Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
RDA Benefit Services LLC
Red River Association of Health Underwriters
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
Right Angle Advisors, Inc.
Risk Resources LLC
River Heights Chamber of Commerce
River Region Chamber of Commerce
Roanoke Regional Chamber
Rolling Meadows Chamber
Rome Area Chamber of Commerce
Rowley Properties, Inc.
Rue Insurance
Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce
Ruston Lincoln Parish CVB
Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce
Santalla & Associates
Savannah (GA) Area Chamber of Commerce
Savoy Associates
SC Chamber of Commerce
Schechner Lifson Corporation
Schuykill Chamber of Commerce
Scott Peck, CPAs & Associates, APC
Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA)
Semper Smart Games
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA)
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce
Silverdale Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Center
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Society for Human Resource Management
Society of American Florists
Sorenson Communications LLC
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
South Carolina Association of Health Underwriters
South New Jersey Association of Health Underwriters
South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
South Shore Chamber of Commerce
Southwest Indiana Association of Health Underwriters
Southern Colorado Association of Health Underwriters
Southern Idaho Association of Health Underwriters
Southwest Michigan Association of Health Underwriters
SRAM LLC
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Steven Woodward
Stevens Insurance Advisors
StuartCo
TEGNA
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Association of Health Underwriters
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The Alliance
The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC)
The Business Council of New York State
The Business Council of NYS, Inc.
The Chamber Grand Forks/East Grand Forks
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers
The Dow Chemical Company
The Enterprise Team
The ERISA Industry Committee
The Gleason Works
The Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
The PepperMill Cafe
Thomas Strok
Tioga County Chamber of Commerce
TMM Insurance Services Inc.
TOM BOLAND FORD, INC
Totalcom Communications
Toyota of Irving
Triangle Association of Health Underwriters (Raleigh)
TriCore
TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce
Trinity Furniture
Tucson Metro Chamber
Tulsa Association of Health Underwriters
Tulsa Regional Chamber
TwinWest Chamber of Commerce
Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce
Tyner Petrus Co., Inc.
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Union County Chamber of Commerce
UNITE HERE
United Association of Union Plumbers & Pipefitters (UA)
United Brotherhood of Carpenters
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
United Steelworkers
UPS
Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)
Valley Paint Center, Inc
Vassar College
Ventura County Association of Health Underwriters
Vera Bradley Designs, Inc
Virginia Association of Health Underwriters
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
VIS Designs
WageWorks, Inc.
Washington Association of Health Underwriters
Washington Automotive Industry Association
Webcor
Webcrafters
Wegmans
Wellspring Insurance Agency, Inc.
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce
Western Rockies Association of Health Underwriters
(Western Colorado)
White Pine Chamber of Commerce
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
Willis Towers Watson
Wisconsin Automotive Care Association
Wisconsin Automotive Parts Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce
Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce
Zeller Insurance, LLC