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ALLIANCE APPLAUDS BIDEN PROPOSAL TO KEEP HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AFFORDABLE

Washington – The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, today applauded President-elect Biden’s support for temporary COBRA funding to help workers and families stay on their employer-provided health insurance. The provision included in Biden’s “American Rescue Plan” will help protect those who have lost their jobs or been furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“President-elect Biden wisely recognizes the value of high-quality employer-provided health insurance and the need to ensure it is affordable for those who have lost their jobs,” said James A. Klein, president of the **American Benefits Council**.

“We urge Congress to quickly approve the COBRA subsidies and help millions of Americans keep their health coverage. In 2020 members from both parties introduced legislation calling for COBRA subsidies -- a viable bipartisan solution to help people at this time of urgent need,” said Klein.

“We are in a health care crisis, yet millions are losing the one thing they need most right now: their health insurance,” said D. Taylor, International President of **UNITE HERE**. “Thank you, president-elect Biden for supporting 100% COBRA coverage. Congress, it is time for you to act. This is nonnegotiable: Workers must be able to keep their health insurance in the middle of a pandemic. Please pass COBRA funding now.”

“The Alliance to Fight for Health Care looks forward to working with the Biden-Harris administration and Congress to advance policies like this one – that strengthens employer-provided coverage that is the foundation of the U.S. health care system,” 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. The Alliance is committed to ensuring that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families, especially during times of global health and economic crisis. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health care coverage.*

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