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I'm writing to comment on the 40 percent excise tax on healthcare plans over the \$10.2k and \$27.5k thresholds. In Alaska this is creating an unreasonable burden on already costly health care. Health care in Alaska costs about 30% more than the national average, the highest in the country. It is now mandatory to provide health care, how is it reasonable to impose a penalty for providing health care? The better healthcare you provide your employees the higher the penalty, how is that rational? This excise tax should be eliminated, in the least this tax needs to consider the significantly higher cost of health care in Alaska. Thank you,

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