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Senate Healthcare Bill Uses the Term “Tax” 124 Times

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A word search of the 1,502-page Senate healthcare bill ([S. 1796](#)) reveals that the term “**tax**” is used 124 times, “**taxable**” is used 158 times, and “**excise tax**” is used 12 times.

Other terms of interest are as follows:

Senate Health Care Bill (S. 1796)	
Term	Number of uses
“Tax”	124 times
“Taxes”	16 times
“Excise tax”	12 times
“Taxpayer(s)”	79 times
“Taxable”	158 times
“Tax-exempt”	15 times
“Penalty”	79 times
“Require”	88 times
“Must”	40 times
“Shall”	2,585 times

The “excise tax” mentioned on page 194 is just one of [several taxes in the bill that violate President Obama’s tax pledge](#). During his campaign, Obama made a “[firm pledge](#)” not to raise “[any form](#)” of taxes on families making less than \$250,000 per year.

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org.

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