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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to poll in House districts where Members of Congress might be persuasion targets on key issues as the House of Representatives kicks off the 2018 legislative session. Our new survey finds that 8 incumbent Members of Congress from California, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Texas could be vulnerable in their upcoming re-elections, and they should be open to listening to their constituents who have strong concerns about both the recently-passed tax reform law and changes to health care laws. Also, 6 districts in California, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, and Washington have upcoming races that look to be quite competitive. Furthermore, the Republican President Donald Trump and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan are both unpopular. Finally, it is important to note that Independent voters in these districts prefer Democratic candidates to Republican candidates for Congress nearly unanimously.

CA-25

In California’s 25th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Steve Knight has an approval rating of 36%, and 44% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 55% in Knight’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 33% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (56%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Knight (42%) and a Democratic candidate (44%), indicate that Knight is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (83%) indicated they have major (64%) or minor (19%) concerns after Knight voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 43% said they would vote for Knight and 45% said they would vote for his “Democratic challenger.”

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	36%	47%



	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	32%	49%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	54%	23%	19%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	63%	20%	15%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	28%	36%

PPP surveyed 703 CA-25 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CA-39

The Congressional seat in California's 39th Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year's election, a Democratic candidate is leading in a hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate 45-43. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan recently passed is unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 47% said they would vote for the Democratic candidate and 43% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	37%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	34%	43%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	54%	22%	19%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	58%	20%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	33%	30%

PPP surveyed 657 CA-39 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CA-49

The Congressional seat in California’s 49th Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year’s election, a Democratic candidate is leading in a hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate 50-41. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan recently passed is unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 49% said they would vote for the Democratic candidate and 42% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	37%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	36%	48%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	56%	18%	24%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	61%	13%	21%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	30%	37%

PPP surveyed 659 CA-49 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

FL-27

The Congressional seat in Florida’s 27th Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year’s election, a Democratic candidate is leading in a hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate 54-39. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan recently passed is unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 51% said they would vote for the Democratic candidate and 41% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	38%	46%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	38%	48%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	53%	24%	20%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	61%	14%	20%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	27%	40%

PPP surveyed 620 FL-27 voters from February 12-14, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

IA-1

In Iowa's 1st Congressional District, Republican incumbent Rod Blum has an approval rating of 37%, and 47% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 55% in Blum's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 35% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (54%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Blum (42%) and Democratic candidate Abby Finkenauer (43%), indicate that Blum is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (78%) indicated they have major (61%) or minor (17%) concerns after Blum voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 41% said they would vote for Blum and 43% said they would vote for Finkenauer.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	38%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	37%	47%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	52%	22%	23%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	59%	20%	18%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	21%	39%

PPP surveyed 742 IA-1 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

KS-2

The Congressional seat in Kansas’ 2nd Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year’s election, Democratic candidate Paul Davis is leading in a hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate 44-42. Candidates should be aware that the Republican health care plan is unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 44% said they would vote for Davis and 42% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	41%	40%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	39%	43%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	54%	24%	17%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	62%	17%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	34%

PPP surveyed 711 KS-2 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

KY-6

In Kentucky’s 6th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Andy Barr has an approval rating of 48%, and 41% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 50% and a disapproval rating of 45% in Barr’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 37% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a plurality (47%) responding that they disapprove. Despite these percentages, a hypothetical matchup between Barr (43%) and a Democratic candidate (44%), indicate that Barr could be vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (82%) indicated they have major (67%) or minor (15%) concerns after Barr voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 42% said they would vote for Barr and 46% said they would vote for his “Democratic challenger.”

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	43%	35%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	34%	51%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	52%	26%	18%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	62%	20%	15%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	42%

PPP surveyed 662 KY-6 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

ME-2

In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Bruce Poliquin has an approval rating of 41%, and 49% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 43% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Poliquin’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 34% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (52%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Poliquin (44%) and a “Democratic opponent” (45%), indicate that Poliquin is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (78%) indicated they have major (62%) or minor (16%) concerns after Poliquin voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 42% said they would vote for Poliquin and 47% said they would vote for his “Democratic challenger.”

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	41%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	36%	49%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	53%	21%	23%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	59%	19%	20%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	25%	37%

PPP surveyed 628 ME-2 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

MI-11

The Congressional seat in Michigan's 11th Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year's election, a Democratic candidate is leading in a hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate 45-42. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan recently passed is unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 46% said they would vote for the Democratic candidate and 41% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	39%	46%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	39%	45%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	52%	23%	21%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	61%	16%	20%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	25%	36%

PPP surveyed 653 MI-11 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

MN-3

In Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Erik Paulsen has an approval rating of 38%, and 46% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 56% in Paulsen's district.

Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 37% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (56%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Paulsen (43%) and Democratic candidate Dean Phillips (46%), indicate that Paulsen is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (81%) indicated they have major (65%) or minor (16%) concerns after Paulsen voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 43% said they would vote for Paulsen and 48% said they would vote for Phillips.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	38%	48%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	36%	50%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	58%	22%	17%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	64%	17%	17%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	27%	34%

PPP surveyed 664 MN-3 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

NJ-11

The Congressional seat in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District is looking to be quite competitive. Ahead of this year's election, Democratic candidate Mikie Sherill, who receives 40% of the vote, is in a close hypothetical election matchup against a Republican candidate (42%). Candidates should be aware that the Republican tax and health care plans are unpopular in this district. After voters were given more information about these plans, 41% said they would vote for Sherill and 42% said they would vote for the Republican candidate.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	41%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	34%	52%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	52%	26%	19%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	63%	15%	20%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	29%	34%

PPP surveyed 688 NJ-11 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

NY-19

In New York’s 19th Congressional District, Republican incumbent John Faso has an approval rating of 37%, and 44% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 47% and a disapproval rating of 49% in Faso’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 36% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (52%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Faso (42%) and a Democratic candidate (42%), indicate that Faso could be vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. In addition to the tax plan being unpopular in his district, a majority of voters (81%) indicated they have major (62%) or minor (19%) concerns after Faso voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 41% said they would vote for Faso and 43% said they would vote for his “Democratic challenger.”

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	42%	45%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	36%	49%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	53%	24%	20%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	59%	19%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	23%	30%

PPP surveyed 703 NY-19 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7 %. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

TX-23

In Texas' 23rd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Will Hurd has an approval rating of 46%, and 31% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 42% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Hurd's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 32% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a plurality (49%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Hurd (44%) and a Democratic candidate (43%), indicate that Hurd could be vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 42% said they would vote for Hurd and 44% said they would vote for his "Democratic challenger."

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	40%	38%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	37%	40%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	49%	24%	24%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	60%	19%	17%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	26%	37%

PPP surveyed 659 TX-23 voters from February 12-14, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

WA-8

In Washington's 8th Congressional District, Republican Dino Rossi has an approval rating of 38%, and 35% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 43% and a disapproval rating of 52% in the district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 35% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a

majority (55%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Rossi (43%) and a Democratic candidate (44%), indicate that Rossi is quite vulnerable in the upcoming election. After voters were given more information about the tax and health care plans, 44% said they would vote for Rossi and 44% said they would vote for his “Democratic challenger.”

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	38%	50%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	39%	46%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	54%	20%	22%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	65%	17%	14%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	26%	35%

PPP surveyed 613 WA-8 voters from February 12-13, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

***Exact language:**

- **Recently-passed Tax Reform Law:** “Based on what you have heard, seen, or read, do you support or oppose the recently-passed tax reform law?”
- **Personally Benefit from Tax Law:** “Do you think you will personally benefit from the tax law that was passed, or not?”
- **Tax Plan Concerns:** “Opponents of the tax plan point out that over 80% of the tax cuts go to the top 1% in our country, that it essentially eliminates the state and local tax deduction in many places, and that it’s paid for by increasing the national debt by 1.5 trillion dollars over the next ten years. Does this give you major concerns, minor concerns, or no real concerns about the tax plan?”
- **Concerns About Health Care Law Changes:** “Moving on to another issue – health care. Congress has passed changes to health care laws which, according to nonpartisan experts, will lead to an additional 13 million people who have no health care coverage in the next decade. The changes will also increase premiums by an average of 10 percent every year. AARP says that Americans 50 to 64 years old in the individual market will

have a premium increase of up to 1500 dollars in 2019 alone. Does this give you major concerns, minor concerns, or no real concerns about the changes to health care laws that have been passed?”

- **More Negative Opinion Of:** *“Which do you have a more negative opinion of: the Republican tax plan that just passed, or the Republican health care plan?”*

Participants were asked if they would vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate if the election for U.S. House was held today. In almost all districts, Independents responded that they would vote for Democrats over Republicans:

District	Independent vote for Democrat	Independent vote for Republican	Advantage for Democrats
CA-25	47%	35%	+12
CA-39	40%	38%	+2
CA-49	56%	24%	+32
FL-27	44%	40%	+4
IA-01	38%	33%	+5
KS-02	52%	27%	+25
KY-06	44%	25%	+19
ME-2	42%	31%	+11
MI-11	47%	30%	+17
MN-3	40%	40%	0
NJ-11	35%	41%	-6
NY-19	40%	40%	0
TX-23	36%	43%	-7
WA-08	49%	29%	+20