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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to poll in House districts where Members of Congress might be persuasion targets as the House prepares to take up the Republican tax reform plan. Our new survey finds that 9 incumbent Members of Congress from Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Virginia are in fact quite vulnerable in their upcoming re-elections, and they should be open to persuasion on the new tax plan, particularly if they are listening to their constituents who have strong concerns about both the idea of a Republican tax plan and key components in the plan. Furthermore, the Republican President, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, and Congress itself are all unpopular, giving Patriot Majority an even greater opening in which to persuade these Members of Congress to oppose the Republican tax reform plan.

AZ-02

In Arizona's 2nd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congresswoman Martha McSally has an approval rating of 45%, and 47% disapprove of her job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 42% and a disapproval rating of 54% in her district, while 6% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 23% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (65%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with her hypothetical matchup with Democrat Ann Kirkpatrick (44/44), indicate that McSally is vulnerable in her upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in her district, and a majority of voters (53%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for McSally if she voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal*	32%	51%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut*	18%	70%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit*	21%	64%



PPP surveyed 714 AZ-2 voters from October 6-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CA-49

In California's 49th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Darrell Issa has an approval rating of 41%, and 48% say they do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 57% in Issa's district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 83% reported that they do not approve. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 25% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (63%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Issa (41%) and a "Democratic opponent" (51%), indicate that Issa is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (53%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Issa if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	51%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	19%	66%

PPP surveyed 824 CA-49 voters from October 5-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.4%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CO-06

In Colorado's 6th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Mike Coffman has an approval rating of 36%, and 49% do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 41% and a disapproval rating of 55% in Coffman's district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 25% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (64%) responding that they disapprove. Although Coffman leads in a hypothetical matchup with Democrat Jason Crow (43/36), Coffman's approval is still quite low and Crow has time to expand his name recognition, which could leave the incumbent vulnerable in his next election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (51%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Coffman if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	49%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	24%	64%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	20%	64%

PPP surveyed 742 CO-6 voters from October 5-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

IA-01

In Iowa's 1st Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Rod Blum has an approval rating of 33%, and a majority (51%) of voters say they do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 50% in Blum's district, while 6% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 87% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 26% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (61%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Democrat Abby Finkenauer (42%) and Blum (40%) indicate that Blum is vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality of voters (48%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Blum if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	48%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	18%	72%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	15%	68%

PPP surveyed 1,093 IA-1 voters from October 6-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

IA-03

In Iowa's 3rd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman David Young has an approval rating of 37%, and 47% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 43% and a disapproval rating of 53% in Young's district, while 7% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 86% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 24% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (65%) responding that they disapprove. Young (44%) is barely winning in a hypothetical matchup with a "Democratic opponent"

(43%), and coupled with his low approval rating, Young is still vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. Also, the new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (52%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Young if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	26%	48%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	13%	74%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	15%	70%

PPP surveyed 693 IA-3 voters from October 6-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

ME-02

In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Bruce Poliquin has an approval rating of 42%, and 50% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 46% and a disapproval rating of 49% in Poliquin’s district, while 8% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 82% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 25% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (61%) 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. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality of voters (49%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Poliquin if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	31%	46%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	20%	69%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	17%	67%

PPP surveyed 951 ME-2 voters from October 5-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

MN-02

In Minnesota’s 2nd Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Jason Lewis has an approval rating of 39%, and 40% of voters say they disapprove of the job he

is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 44% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Poliquin’s district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 29% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (62%) responding that they disapprove. Lewis (43%) is barely winning in a hypothetical matchup against Democrat Angie Craig (42%), and coupled with his low approval rating, Lewis is still vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. Also, the new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (50%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Lewis if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	47%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	24%	69%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	20%	64%

PPP surveyed 732 MN-2 voters from October 4-7, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

PA-06

In Pennsylvania’s 6th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Ryan Costello has an approval rating of 34%, and 33% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 43% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Costello’s district, while 5% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 88% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 21% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (70%) responding that they disapprove. Although Costello (45%) leads in a hypothetical matchup with Democrat Chrissy Houlahan (37%), his approval is still quite low and Houlahan has time to expand her name recognition, which could leave the incumbent vulnerable in his next election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (50%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Costello if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	49%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	71%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	17%	69%

PPP surveyed 689 PA-6 voters from October 6-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

VA-10

In Virginia’s 10th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congresswoman Barbara Comstock has an approval rating of 32%, and 48% of voters say they disapprove of the job she is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 37% and a disapproval rating of 59% in Poliquin’s district, while 7% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 87% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 20% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (71%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Comstock and a “Democratic opponent,” where Comstock has 39% of the vote and her Democratic opponent has 48%, indicate that Comstock is quite vulnerable in her upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in her district, and a majority (50%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Comstock if she voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	32%	52%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	13%	70%

PPP surveyed 669 VA-10 voters from October 6-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

***Exact language for the questions on the proposed tax plan and its provisions:**

- **Congressional Republican Tax Proposal:** *“Based on what you know right now, would you say you support or oppose the Republicans in Congress’ tax proposal, or have you not heard anything about it?”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut:** *“Over 80% of the tax cuts go to the top 1% -- those with incomes of over \$430,000 a year.”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit:** *“The tax plan would increase the deficit by \$2.4 trillion over the next ten years.”*