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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to poll in House districts where certain races might be competitive this year. Our new survey finds that 12 districts in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, and Washington could have competitive races. Although Democratic candidates may be down in initial matchups, overall they receive more support than Republican candidates among voters who are ‘very excited’ to vote this year. In all districts, voters have a more negative opinion of the Republican health care plan than they do the Republican tax plan. Furthermore, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan is deeply unpopular in all districts.

**AR-2**

In Arkansas’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent French Hill has an approval rating of 37%, and 39% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 49% and a disapproval rating of 48% in Hill’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 31% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (55%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Clarke Tucker receives 42% of the vote and Hill receives 47%. Although Tucker is down, 48% who are ‘very excited’ to vote plan to cast their ballot for him, while 47% support Hill. A large majority of voters (77%) indicate they have major (63%) or minor (14%) concerns after Hill 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, Tucker moves closer to Hill with 44% saying they will vote for Tucker and 45% voting for Hill.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	38%	38%
	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	38%	<b>39%</b>



	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>49%</b>	23%	23%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>59%</b>	18%	18%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	21%	<b>38%</b>

PPP surveyed 610 AR-2 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## FL-16

In Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Vern Buchanan has an approval rating of 44%, and 34% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 47% and a disapproval rating of 50% in Buchanan's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 33% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (59%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat David Shapiro receives 37% of the vote and Buchanan receives 49%. A large majority of voters (83%) indicate they have major (65%) or minor (18%) concerns after Buchanan 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, 38% say they will vote for Shapiro and 43% will vote for Buchanan.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	<b>44%</b>	40%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	39%	<b>44%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>51%</b>	22%	22%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>60%</b>	19%	18%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	<b>39%</b>

PPP surveyed 655 FL-16 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## IL-12

In Illinois' 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Mike Bost has an approval rating of 45%, and 32% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 47% and a disapproval rating of 45% in Bost's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 31% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (53%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Brendan Kelly receives 39% of the vote and Bost receives 44%. Although Kelly is down, 50% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for him, while 42% support Bost. A large majority of voters (78%) indicate they have major (61%) or minor (17%) concerns after Bost 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, Kelly moves closer to Bost with 40% saying they will vote for Kelly and 42% voting for Bost.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	36%	<b>38%</b>

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	35%	<b>41%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>51%</b>	23%	21%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>59%</b>	16%	20%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	23%	<b>35%</b>

PPP surveyed 622 IL-12 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## IL-13

In Illinois' 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Rodney Davis has an approval rating of 40%, and 39% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 50% in Davis' district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 34% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (50%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Betsy Dirksen Londrigan receives 42% of the vote and Davis receives 45%. Although Dirksen Londrigan is down, 48% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast

their ballot for her, while 44% support Davis. A large majority of voters (78%) indicate they have major (62%) or minor (16%) concerns after Davis 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, the race ties up with both candidates receiving 43% of the vote.

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

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	35%	<b>45%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>48%</b>	29%	19%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>57%</b>	20%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	<b>37%</b>

PPP surveyed 726 IL-13 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## IL-14

In Illinois' 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Randy Hultgren has an approval rating of 30%, and 43% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 43% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Hultgren's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 35% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (55%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Lauren Underwood receives 41% of the vote and Hultgren receives 45%. Although Underwood is down, 52% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for her, while 40% support Hultgren. A large majority of voters (83%) indicate they have major (66%) or minor (17%) concerns after Hultgren 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, the race ties up with both candidates receiving 42% of the vote.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	39%	<b>41%</b>

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	33%	<b>48%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>56%</b>	17%	24%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>64%</b>	17%	17%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	<b>39%</b>

PPP surveyed 682 IL-14 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## MI-8

In Michigan's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Mike Bishop has an approval rating of 35%, and 44% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 44% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Bishop's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 32% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (57%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Elissa Slotkin receives 41% of the vote and Bishop receives 46%. Although Slotkin is down, 49% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for her, while 44% support Bishop. A large majority of voters (79%) indicate they have major (63%) or minor (16%) concerns after Bishop voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	41%	<b>43%</b>

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	40%	<b>46%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>53%</b>	28%	18%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>62%</b>	20%	16%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	23%	<b>37%</b>

PPP surveyed 668 MI-8 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## NC-9

In North Carolina's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Robert Pittenger has an approval rating of 31%, and 39% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 49% and a disapproval rating of 48% in Pittenger's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 35% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (50%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Dan McCready receives 37% of the vote and Pittenger receives 42%. Although McCready is down, 47% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for him, while 44% support Pittenger. A large majority of voters (80%) indicate they have major (62%) or minor (18%) concerns after Pittenger voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	<b>43%</b>	32%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	<b>42%</b>	37%

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>44%</b>	26%	26%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>58%</b>	17%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	18%	<b>44%</b>

PPP surveyed 662 NC-9 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## NC-13

In North Carolina's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Ted Budd has an approval rating of 33%, and 38% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump

has an approval rating of 47% and a disapproval rating of 47% in Budd’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 37% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (51%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Kathy Manning receives 40% of the vote and Budd receives 43%. Although Manning is down, 49% who are ‘very excited’ to vote plan to cast their ballot for her, while 39% support Budd. A large majority of voters (84%) indicate they have major (67%) or minor (17%) concerns after Budd voted for a health care plan that allows insurance companies to impose an unfair age tax on people over 50.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	<b>43%</b>	36%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	39%	<b>41%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>48%</b>	24%	24%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>63%</b>	17%	17%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	21%	<b>38%</b>

PPP surveyed 668 NC-13 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### NJ-3

In New Jersey’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Tom MacArthur has an approval rating of 33%, and 38% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 50% in MacArthur’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 34% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (56%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Andy Kim receives 41% of the vote and MacArthur receives 42%. Although Kim is down, 50% who are ‘very excited’ to vote plan to cast their ballot for him, while 40% support MacArthur. A large majority of voters (84%) indicate they have major (70%) or minor (14%) concerns after MacArthur 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,

Kim jumps into the lead with 41% saying they will vote for him and 40% voting for MacArthur.

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

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	35%	<b>50%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>51%</b>	25%	20%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>64%</b>	18%	15%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	24%	<b>40%</b>

PPP surveyed 669 NJ-3 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## OH-1

In Ohio's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Steve Chabot has an approval rating of 35%, and 45% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 41% and a disapproval rating of 52% in Chabot's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 32% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (53%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Aftab Pureval receives 42% of the vote and Chabot receives 43%. Although Pureval is down, 47% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for him, while 43% support Chabot. A large majority of voters (83%) indicate they have major (67%) or minor (16%) concerns after Chabot 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, Pureval jumps into the lead with 44% saying they will vote for him and 40% voting for Chabot.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	36%	<b>44%</b>

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	31%	<b>48%</b>



	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>51%</b>	27%	18%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>66%</b>	14%	17%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	21%	<b>45%</b>

PPP surveyed 662 OH-1 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7 %. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## VA-2

In Virginia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Scott Taylor has an approval rating of 43%, and 34% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 47% in Taylor's district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 33% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a plurality (49%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Elaine Luria receives 42% of the vote and Taylor receives 48%. Although Luria is down, 47% who are 'very excited' to vote plan to cast their ballot for her, while 45% support Taylor. A large majority of voters (82%) indicate they have major (66%) or minor (16%) concerns after Taylor 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, 40% say they will vote for Luria and 45% will vote for Taylor.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	<b>42%</b>	40%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	36%	<b>47%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>52%</b>	24%	21%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>61%</b>	18%	19%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	24%	<b>38%</b>

PPP surveyed 609 VA-2 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## WA-5

In Washington’s 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Cathy McMorris Rodgers has an approval rating of 41%, and 49% disapprove of her job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 49% and a disapproval rating of 48% in McMorris Rodgers’ district. Speaker Paul Ryan is unpopular with 30% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (57%) responding that they disapprove. In an initial hypothetical matchup, Democrat Lisa Brown receives 45% of the vote and McMorris Rodgers receives 48%. Although Brown is down, 57% who are ‘very excited’ to vote plan to cast their ballot for her, while 40% support McMorris Rodgers. A large majority of voters (81%) indicate they have major (65%) or minor (16%) concerns after McMorris Rodgers 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, 46% say they will vote for Brown and 47% will vote for McMorris Rodgers.

	Support	Oppose
Recently-passed Tax Reform Law*	<b>41%</b>	40%

	Yes	No
Personally Benefit from Tax Law*	37%	<b>47%</b>

	Major	Minor	None
Tax Plan Concerns*	<b>50%</b>	23%	23%
Concerns About Health Care Law Changes*	<b>65%</b>	16%	18%

	Tax Plan	Health Care Plan
More Negative Opinion Of*	22%	<b>40%</b>

PPP surveyed 689 WA-5 voters from April 16-17, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. 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?”*