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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 tries to send the Republican tax bill to President Trump before Christmas. Our new survey finds that 8 incumbent Members of Congress from California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania are in fact quite vulnerable in their upcoming re-elections, and they should be open to persuasion on the tax plan, particularly if they are listening to their constituents who have strong concerns about both the idea of a Republican tax plan and its key components. Furthermore, the Republican President Donald Trump and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan are both unpopular, giving Patriot Majority an even greater opening in which to persuade these Members of Congress to oppose the Republican tax reform plan.

CA-10

In California’s 10th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Jeff Denham has an approval rating of 43%, and 47% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 57% in Denham’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 27% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (60%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Denham (41%) and a “Democratic opponent” (49%), indicate that Denham is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality of voters (47%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Denham because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, 40% said they would vote for Denham and 51% said they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 34% | 53% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 20% | 64% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 34% | 53% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 20% | 68% |



PPP surveyed 663 CA-10 voters from December 11-12, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CA-39

In California’s 39th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Ed Royce has an approval rating of 36%, and 46% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 35% and a disapproval rating of 60% in Royce’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 29% 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 Royce (43%) and a “Democratic opponent” (46%), indicate that Royce is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (56%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Royce because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, 42% said they would vote for Royce and 47% said they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 29% | 55% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 18% | 65% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 33% | 50% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 22% | 64% |

PPP surveyed 709 CA-39 voters from December 11-12, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

CA-45

In California’s 45th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Mimi Walters has an approval rating of 33%, and 50% disapprove of her job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 39% and a disapproval rating of 56% in Walters’ district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 32% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (57%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Walters (41%) and a “Democratic opponent” (45%), indicate that Walters is quite vulnerable in her upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in her district, and a majority of voters (55%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Walters because of her vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, 39% said they would vote for Walters and 50% said they would vote for her “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 28% | 59% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 13% | 68% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 34% | 55% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 18% | 68% |

PPP surveyed 521 CA-45 voters from December 12-13, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

FL-18

In Florida’s 18th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Brian Mast has an approval rating of 40%, and 45% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 53% in Mast’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 34% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (59%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Mast (45%) and a “Democratic opponent” (44%), indicate that Mast is vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (51%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Mast because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, Mast lost his lead with 45% of voters saying they would vote for him and 47% saying they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 35% | 51% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 25% | 54% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 33% | 53% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 21% | 66% |

PPP surveyed 567 FL-18 voters from December 12-13, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

IL-14

In Illinois’ 14th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Randy Hultgren has an approval rating of 29%, and 41% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 50% in Hultgren’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 34% 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 Hultgren (47%) and a

“Democratic opponent” (44%), indicate that Hultgren is vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality of voters (49%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Hultgren because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, Hultgren lost his lead with 43% of voters saying they would vote for him and 46% saying they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 35% | 50% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 19% | 69% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 37% | 52% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 24% | 67% |

PPP surveyed 539 IL-14 voters from December 12-13, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

NJ-11

In New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen has an approval rating of 28%, and 54% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 56% in Frelinghuysen’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 26% 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 Frelinghuysen (40%) and a “Democratic opponent” (49%), indicate that Frelinghuysen is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (59%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Frelinghuysen because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, 38% said they would vote for Frelinghuysen and 51% said they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 25% | 64% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 11% | 79% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 31% | 57% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 17% | 70% |

PPP surveyed 543 NJ-11 voters from December 12-13, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

NY-1

In New York’s 1st Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Lee Zeldin has an approval rating of 44%, and 42% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 45% and a disapproval rating of 53% in Zeldin’s district. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 30% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (58%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Zeldin (46%) and a “Democratic opponent” (42%), indicate that Zeldin could be vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (51%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Zeldin because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, Zeldin’s lead shrank and 44% said they would vote for him while 42% said they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 28% | 59% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 15% | 73% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 30% | 55% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 22% | 61% |

PPP surveyed 647 NY-1 voters from December 12-13, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

PA-8

In New Jersey’s 8th Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick has an approval rating of 36%, and 42% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 41% and a disapproval rating of 56% in Fitzpatrick’s district. 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 Fitzpatrick (41%) and a “Democratic opponent” (47%), indicate that Fitzpatrick is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (56%) indicated they are less likely to vote for Fitzpatrick because of his vote in favor of the Republican tax plan. After voters were given more information about the tax plan, 40% said they would vote for Fitzpatrick and 48% said they would vote for his “Democratic opponent.”

| | Support | Oppose |
|---|---------|--------|
| Congressional Republican Tax Proposal* | 31% | 56% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions* | 18% | 69% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax* | 27% | 62% |
| Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit* | 16% | 66% |

PPP surveyed 605 PA-8 voters from December 11-12, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 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’ve heard, seen, or read, do you support or oppose the tax plan proposed in Congress?”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating State & Local Tax Deductions:** *“Eliminating the ability to deduct for state and local taxes paid from federal income tax.”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Eliminating the Estate Tax:** *“Eliminating the estate tax, which only applies to estates valued at more than \$5.5 million for individuals and \$11 million for married couples.”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit:** *“Paying for the tax plan by increasing the national debt by one point five trillion dollars over the next ten years.”*