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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 14 incumbent Members of Congress from California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Wisconsin 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 Donald Trump, 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.

### **CA-25**

In California's 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Steve Knight has an approval rating of 33%, and 50% disapprove of his job performance. President Trump has an approval rating of 40% and a disapproval rating of 58% in his district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 84% 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 (66%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Knight (38%) and a "Democratic opponent" (50%), indicate that Knight is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-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 Knight if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal*	30%	58%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut*	22%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit*	21%	64%



PPP surveyed 576 CA-25 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### CA-48

In California's 48<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Dana Rohrabacher has an approval rating of 36%, and 51% say they do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 44% and a disapproval rating of 54% in Rohrabacher's district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 86% reported that they do not approve. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 28% 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 Rohrabacher (41%) and a "Democratic opponent" (51%), indicate that Rohrabacher is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality of voters (46%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Rohrabacher if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	36%	55%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	27%	64%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	24%	61%

PPP surveyed 531 CA-48 voters from November 8-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### FL-26

In Florida's 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Carlos Curbelo has an approval rating of 37%, and 46% do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 37% and a disapproval rating of 59% in Curbelo's district, while 18% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 74% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 28% 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 Curbelo (39%) and a "Democratic opponent" (53%), indicate that Curbelo is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (52%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Curbelo if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	32%	58%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	64%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	18%	60%

PPP surveyed 522 FL-26 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## IL-06

In Illinois' 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Peter Roskam has an approval rating of 34%, and a majority (53%) of voters say they do not approve of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 38% and a disapproval rating of 57% in Roskam's district, while 8% 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 (66%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Roskam and a "Democratic opponent," where Roskam has 41% of the vote and his Democratic opponent has 51%, indicate that Roskam is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (54%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Roskam if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	31%	59%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	20%	69%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	21%	67%

PPP surveyed 599 IL-6 voters from November 9-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## MI-06

In Michigan's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Fred Upton has an approval rating of 34%, and 50% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 41% and a disapproval rating of 54% in Upton's district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 84% 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. Upton (42%) is barely winning in a hypothetical matchup with a

“Democratic opponent” (41%), and coupled with his low approval rating, Upton 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 Upton if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	28%	54%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	19%	73%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	18%	68%

PPP surveyed 681 MI-6 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### MN-03

In Minnesota’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Erik Paulsen has an approval rating of 40%, and 49% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 41% and a disapproval rating of 55% in Paulsen’s district, while 10% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 31% 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 Paulsen (42%) and Democrat Dean Phillips (46%), indicate that Paulsen is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority of voters (52%) indicated they would be less likely to vote for Paulsen if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	33%	56%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	25%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	21%	67%

PPP surveyed 542 MN-3 voters from November 9-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### NE-02

In Nebraska’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Don Bacon has an approval rating of 40%, and 48% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 42% and a disapproval rating of

54% in Bacon’s district, while 8% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 28% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (62%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Bacon (40%) and Democrat Brad Ashford (49%), indicate that Bacon is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. Also, the new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a plurality (48%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Bacon if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	39%	51%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	22%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	21%	65%

PPP surveyed 535 NE-2 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

**NJ-07**

In New Jersey’s 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Leonard Lance has an approval rating of 32%, 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 55% in Lance’s district, while 8% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 85% 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 (66%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Lance (41%) and a “Democratic opponent” (42%), indicate that Lance is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (54%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Lance if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	32%	57%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	69%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	19%	68%

PPP surveyed 528 NJ-7 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

**NJ-11**

In New Jersey’s 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen has an approval rating of 33%, and 55% 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 Frelinghuysen’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 27% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (66%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Frelinghuysen (44%) and a “Democratic opponent” (46%), indicate that Frelinghuysen is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (56%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Frelinghuysen if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	32%	58%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	22%	68%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	23%	64%

PPP surveyed 710 NJ-11 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### **NY-19**

In New York’s 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman John Faso has an approval rating of 31%, and 51% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 44% and a disapproval rating of 53% in Faso’s district, while 8% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 88% 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 (67%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Faso and a “Democratic opponent,” where Faso has 40% of the vote and his Democratic opponent has 46%, indicate that Faso is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (53%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Faso if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	31%	54%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	17%	75%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	21%	68%



PPP surveyed 506 NY-19 voters from November 9-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.4%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## **NY-22**

In New York's 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congresswoman Claudia Tenney has an approval rating of 41%, and 47% of voters say they disapprove of the job she is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 49% and a disapproval rating of 46% in Tenney's district, while 6% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 84% say they disapprove. Speaker Paul Ryan is also unpopular with 30% 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 Tenney (41%) and Democrat Anthony Brindisi (47%), indicate that Tenney is 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 Tenney if she voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	36%	51%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	19%	71%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	16%	69%

PPP surveyed 599 NY-22 voters from November 9-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

## **TX-07**

In Texas' 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman John Culberson has an approval rating of 31%, and 55% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 37% and a disapproval rating of 59% in Culberson's district, while 12% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 83% 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 (65%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Culberson (39%) and a "Democratic opponent" (49%), indicate that Culberson is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (53%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Culberson if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	35%	54%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	25%	66%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	21%	66%

PPP surveyed 518 TX-7 voters from November 8-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### TX-32

In Texas' 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman Pete Sessions has an approval rating of 36%, and 52% of voters say they disapprove of the job he is doing. President Trump has an approval rating of 39% and a disapproval rating of 58% in Sessions' 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 27% of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and a majority (66%) responding that they disapprove. These percentages, along with a hypothetical matchup between Sessions and a "Democratic opponent," where Sessions has 43% of the vote and his Democratic opponent has 48%, indicate that Sessions is quite vulnerable in his upcoming re-election. The new tax plan is not popular in his district, and a majority (51%) of voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Sessions if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	32%	57%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	23%	67%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	19%	63%

PPP surveyed 534 TX-32 voters from November 8-9, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

### WI-01

In Wisconsin's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, Republican incumbent Congressman and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan 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 44% and a disapproval rating of 47% in Ryan's district, while 9% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 80% say they disapprove. Ryan (46%) is in the lead in a hypothetical matchup against Democrat Randy Bryce (39%). Holding a lead by only 7 points could mean trouble for Ryan seeing as a large majority (69%) of voters don't know



who Bryce is. If Bryce increases his name recognition it could make the race even more competitive, which would be great news for Democrats. The new tax plan is not popular in Ryan's district, and a plurality (44%) voters indicated they would be less likely to vote for Ryan if he voted in favor of the Republican tax plan.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	37%	49%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	22%	65%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	18%	62%

PPP surveyed 549 WI-1 voters from November 9-10, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 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 \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years.”*