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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Voters Strongly Dislike Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, Say They're Less Likely to Support Trump for Reelection**

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A new national poll from Public Policy Polling shows overwhelming voter rejection of President Trump's newly released budget proposal because of its cuts to Medicare and Medicaid.

Despite Trump's campaign promise to oppose cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, he proposed a budget that makes these cuts after he already gave new tax breaks to big corporations. 60% of voters say they oppose Trump's proposed Medicaid cuts, 72% say they oppose the Medicare cuts and 50% of voters say they're less likely to vote for him because of these proposed cuts. Key findings from the survey include:

**Voters overwhelmingly oppose the cuts to Medicare and Medicaid in Trump's budget:**

- 72% oppose the Medicare Cuts in Trump's Budget. By a 59-point margin (72% to 13%) voters oppose the proposed budget because it includes an \$845-billion dollar cut to Medicare. 81% of voters over the age of 65 say they oppose these cuts, and 70% of Independents also oppose the cuts to Medicare.
- 60% oppose the Medicaid Cuts in Trump's Budget. By a 36-point margin (60% to 24%) voters oppose the proposed budget because it includes a more than \$1-trillion dollar cut to Medicaid. 59% of Independents say they oppose the cuts to Medicaid.

**Voters say the budget makes them less likely to support Trump for reelection:**

- 50% of voters say they're less likely to support Trump because he broke his promise not to cut Medicare and Medicaid - including 54% with independents - while only 14% say they're more likely to support him.
- 54% of voters say they're less likely to support Trump because he cut Medicare & Medicaid after giving away hundreds of billions of dollars in new tax breaks for big corporations, including 57% of voters people over age 65 and 51% of Independents. Just 15% say they're more likely to support Trump due to the cuts.
- 52% of voters say they'd vote for Trump's Democratic opponent for President if the election were held today, compared to just 41% who say they'd vote for Trump.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 661 national voters by telephone on March 13th and 14th, on behalf of Protect Our Care. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.8%





## National Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 42%  
*Disapprove* ..... 54%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q2** If the election for President were held today, would you vote for Republican Donald Trump, or his Democratic opponent?

*Donald Trump* ..... 41%  
*Democratic opponent* ..... 52%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q3** Generally speaking, if the election for President were held today, would you vote to re-elect President Trump, or do you think it's time for someone new?

*Re-elect Donald Trump* ..... 41%  
*Time for someone new* ..... 56%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q4** This week President Trump proposed a new budget for the country that includes a more than \$1-trillion dollar cut to Medicaid. Do you support or oppose this more than \$1-trillion dollar cut to Medicaid?

*Support* ..... 24%  
*Oppose* ..... 60%  
*Not sure* ..... 16%

**Q5** The proposed budget also includes an \$845-billion dollar cut to Medicare. Do you support or oppose this \$845-billion dollar cut to Medicare?

*Support* ..... 13%  
*Oppose* ..... 72%  
*Not sure* ..... 14%

**Q6** When he ran for President, Donald Trump promised that he wouldn't cut Medicare and Medicaid, but his new budget does. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support President Trump, or does it not make a difference?

*More likely to support Trump* ..... 14%  
*Less likely to support Trump* ..... 50%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 33%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q7** President Trump is proposing these cuts to Medicare and Medicaid after his tax plan gave hundreds of billions of dollars in new tax breaks for big corporations, including health insurance companies and drug companies. Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support President Trump, or does it not make a difference?

*More likely to support Trump* ..... 15%  
*Less likely to support Trump* ..... 54%  
*Doesn't make a difference* ..... 28%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q8** In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

*Donald Trump* ..... 44%  
*Hillary Clinton* ..... 46%  
*Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 10%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man* ..... 47%





**Q10** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	42%
<i>Republican</i> .....	34%
<i>Independent</i> .....	24%

**Q11** If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic / Latino</i> .....	9%
<i>White</i> .....	73%
<i>African-American</i> .....	12%
<i>Other</i> .....	6%

**Q12** If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	32%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	37%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	31%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	42%	88%	2%	20%
<b>Disapprove</b>	54%	10%	94%	58%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	2%	3%	22%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump / Democratic Opponent</b>				
<b>Donald Trump</b>	41%	88%	1%	11%
<b>Democratic opponent</b>	52%	9%	93%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	3%	6%	33%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Re-elect Trump / Time For Someone New</b>				
<b>Re-elect Donald Trump</b>	41%	87%	3%	7%
<b>Time for someone new</b>	56%	12%	94%	79%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	1%	3%	14%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trillion Dollar Cut to Medicaid Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Support</b>	24%	44%	6%	16%
<b>Oppose</b>	60%	35%	82%	67%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	21%	11%	18%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>\$845-Billion Cut to Medicare Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Support</b>	13%	24%	4%	8%
<b>Oppose</b>	72%	57%	87%	73%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	19%	9%	19%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump Promised Not to Cut Medicare/Medicaid But New Budget Does More / Less Likely to Support Trump</b>				
More likely to support Trump	14%	30%	2%	2%
Less likely to support Trump	50%	15%	79%	74%
Doesn't make a difference	33%	53%	15%	19%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	5%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid After Tax Breaks for Corporations More / Less Likely to Support Trump</b>				
More likely to support Trump	15%	31%	2%	1%
Less likely to support Trump	54%	19%	87%	61%
Doesn't make a difference	28%	48%	8%	34%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump Approval</b>			
Approve	42%	43%	41%
Disapprove	54%	53%	55%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump / Democratic Opponent</b>			
Donald Trump	41%	42%	39%
Democratic opponent	52%	53%	51%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Re-elect Trump / Time For Someone New</b>			
Re-elect Donald Trump	41%	42%	40%
Time for someone new	56%	55%	58%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Gender	
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<b>Trillion Dollar Cut to Medicaid Support / Oppose</b>			
Support	24%	24%	24%
Oppose	60%	55%	66%
Not sure	16%	21%	10%





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		Woman	Man
<b>\$845-Billion Cut to Medicare Support / Oppose</b>			
Support	13%	13%	13%
Oppose	72%	68%	78%
Not sure	14%	19%	9%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
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Approve	42%	11%	84%	37%
Disapprove	54%	83%	13%	59%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	5%





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Not sure	7%	7%	2%	15%

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Not sure	16%	16%	13%	21%

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Support	13%	2%	27%	13%
Oppose	72%	85%	59%	70%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	17%

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