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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Health Care Top Priority Issue for Pennsylvania Voters**

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On the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passage of the Affordable Care Act, a new Public Policy Polling survey finds that health care is a top priority issue for Pennsylvania voters when deciding who to vote for in the upcoming election. Health care is ranked as a top issue for 71% of voters (25% saying it is the most important issue and another 46% saying it is very important). Only 6% say it is not that important or not important at all.

Pennsylvania voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 17 points (52% to 35%).

- Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 24% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 59% opposing them.
- 53% of voters believe Republicans are now trying to undermine and sabotage the ACA since they failed to repeal it.
- Only 33% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 60% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- On the issue of health care, voters in Pennsylvania largely trust the Democratic Party more than they trust the Republican Party 53-39.

Key findings from the survey include:

- In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Bob Casey over Republican Lou Barletta 54-36. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Casey's lead grows to 56-29 over Barletta.
- 41% of Pennsylvania voters approve of Senator Bob Casey's job performance, while 36% disapprove.

PPP surveyed 1,056 Pennsylvania voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.





## Pennsylvania Survey Results

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

*Approve* ..... 42%  
*Disapprove* ..... 53%  
*Not sure* ..... 5%

**Q2** If the election for US Senate were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, or the Republican candidate?

*Democratic candidate* ..... 53%  
*Republican candidate* ..... 41%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Bob Casey's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 41%  
*Disapprove* ..... 36%  
*Not sure* ..... 24%

**Q4** If the election for US Senate were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Lou Barletta, who would you vote for?

*Bob Casey* ..... 54%  
*Lou Barletta* ..... 36%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q5** How important is the issue of healthcare when deciding who to vote for in this upcoming election - is it the most important issue, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, not that important an issue, or not an important issue at all?

*Most important issue* ..... 25%  
*Very important issue* ..... 46%  
*Somewhat important issue* ..... 22%  
*Not that important an issue* ..... 5%  
*Not an important issue at all* ..... 1%  
*Not sure* ..... 1%

**Q6** Which of the following would you most like to see the Congress do about the Affordable Care Act, given the choices of keeping what works and fixing what doesn't, or repealing it and starting over with a new healthcare law?

*Keep what works and fix what doesn't* ..... 60%  
*Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law* ..... 33%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q7** Which party do you trust more on the issue of health care: the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

*Democratic Party* ..... 53%  
*Republican Party* ..... 39%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q8** Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

*Approve* ..... 35%  
*Disapprove* ..... 52%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%





**Q9** Do you think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed to repeal it outright, or not?

*Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed to repeal it outright*..... 53%

*Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed to repeal it outright* 34%

*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q10** 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*..... 46%

*Hillary Clinton*..... 46%

*Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 8%

**Q11** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%

*Man*..... 47%

**Q12** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 47%

*Republican* ..... 41%

*Independent / Other* ..... 12%

**Q13** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 85%

*African-American* ..... 11%

*Other*..... 4%

**Q14** If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

*18 to 45*..... 28%

*46 to 65*..... 43%

*Older than 65* ..... 30%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	42%	84%	4%	17%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	10%	92%	72%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	5%	4%	11%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Generic US Senate Ballot</b>				
<b>Democratic candidate</b>	53%	12%	94%	52%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	41%	81%	4%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	3%	28%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	16%	65%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	61%	11%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	23%	24%	24%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Casey / Barletta</b>				
<b>Bob Casey</b>	54%	16%	88%	66%
<b>Lou Barletta</b>	36%	72%	3%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	12%	9%	11%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote</b>				
<b>Most important issue</b>	25%	24%	26%	22%
<b>Very important issue</b>	46%	33%	59%	45%
<b>Somewhat important issue</b>	22%	32%	11%	25%
<b>Not that important an issue</b>	5%	7%	3%	7%
<b>Not an important issue at all</b>	1%	2%	0%	1%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	1%	-	-

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Congressional Action on ACA</b>				
<b>Keep what works and fix what doesn't</b>	60%	32%	87%	68%
<b>Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law</b>	33%	60%	7%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	9%	6%	6%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Party Trust More on Health Care</b>				
Democratic Party	53%	11%	95%	58%
Republican Party	39%	80%	2%	20%
Not sure	7%	9%	3%	22%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Republican ACA Repeal Efforts Approval</b>				
Approve	35%	68%	4%	18%
Disapprove	52%	15%	87%	63%
Not sure	13%	17%	8%	19%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Trump and Republicans Undermine ACA Since Full Repeal Failure</b>				
Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed...	53%	12%	91%	65%
Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since the...	34%	66%	3%	27%
Not sure	13%	21%	6%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump Approval</b>			
Approve	42%	41%	43%
Disapprove	53%	56%	49%
Not sure	5%	3%	7%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Generic US Senate Ballot</b>			
Democratic candidate	53%	54%	52%
Republican candidate	41%	40%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Casey Approval</b>			
Approve	41%	38%	44%
Disapprove	36%	33%	38%
Not sure	24%	29%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Casey / Barletta</b>			
Bob Casey	54%	53%	55%
Lou Barletta	36%	36%	37%
Not sure	10%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote</b>			
Most important issue	25%	25%	26%
Very important issue	46%	48%	43%
Somewhat important issue	22%	21%	23%
Not that important an issue	5%	4%	7%
Not an important issue at all	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	1%	1%	0%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Congressional Action on ACA</b>			
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	60%	59%	61%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	33%	33%	32%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Party Trust More on Health Care</b>			
Democratic Party	53%	56%	51%
Republican Party	39%	37%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Republican ACA Repeal Efforts Approval</b>			
Approve	35%	31%	39%
Disapprove	52%	52%	52%
Not sure	13%	18%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Trump and Republicans Undermine ACA Since Full Repeal Failure</b>			
Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed...	53%	55%	50%
Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since the...	34%	32%	36%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
Approve	42%	15%	74%	39%
Disapprove	53%	80%	21%	54%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Generic US Senate Ballot</b>				
Democratic candidate	53%	85%	17%	47%
Republican candidate	41%	11%	77%	36%
Not sure	7%	4%	6%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
Approve	41%	55%	23%	43%
Disapprove	36%	20%	53%	37%
Not sure	24%	24%	24%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Casey / Barletta</b>				
Bob Casey	54%	80%	21%	57%
Lou Barletta	36%	10%	68%	31%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote</b>				
Most important issue	25%	27%	24%	22%
Very important issue	46%	53%	36%	52%
Somewhat important issue	22%	17%	30%	16%
Not that important an issue	5%	3%	8%	7%
Not an important issue at all	1%	1%	1%	3%
Not sure	1%	0%	1%	-

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Congressional Action on ACA</b>				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	60%	79%	38%	62%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	33%	15%	54%	29%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	9%







	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Party Trust More on Health Care</b>				
Democratic Party	53%	82%	21%	51%
Republican Party	39%	12%	74%	30%
Not sure	7%	6%	5%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Republican ACA Repeal Efforts Approval</b>				
Approve	35%	15%	60%	24%
Disapprove	52%	74%	25%	59%
Not sure	13%	11%	15%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
<b>Trump and Republicans Undermine ACA Since Full Repeal Failure</b>				
Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed...	53%	77%	24%	54%
Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since the...	34%	15%	57%	31%
Not sure	13%	8%	19%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
Approve	42%	48%	4%	30%
Disapprove	53%	49%	84%	61%
Not sure	5%	4%	12%	8%





	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Generic US Senate Ballot</b>				
Democratic candidate	53%	47%	97%	59%
Republican candidate	41%	46%	2%	24%
Not sure	7%	7%	1%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
Approve	41%	40%	49%	40%
Disapprove	36%	37%	25%	43%
Not sure	24%	24%	26%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Casey / Barletta</b>				
Bob Casey	54%	49%	84%	56%
Lou Barletta	36%	41%	2%	29%
Not sure	10%	10%	14%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote</b>				
Most important issue	25%	25%	28%	17%
Very important issue	46%	44%	55%	57%
Somewhat important issue	22%	23%	15%	12%
Not that important an issue	5%	6%	-	8%
Not an important issue at all	1%	1%	2%	6%
Not sure	1%	1%	-	-





	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Congressional Action on ACA</b>				
Keep what works and fix what doesn't	60%	58%	75%	69%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law	33%	36%	12%	29%
Not sure	7%	7%	13%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Party Trust More on Health Care</b>				
Democratic Party	53%	49%	87%	59%
Republican Party	39%	43%	11%	36%
Not sure	7%	8%	2%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Republican ACA Repeal Efforts Approval</b>				
Approve	35%	37%	15%	29%
Disapprove	52%	50%	64%	61%
Not sure	13%	12%	21%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Trump and Republicans Undermine ACA Since Full Repeal Failure</b>				
Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed...	53%	49%	77%	56%
Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since the...	34%	37%	11%	35%
Not sure	13%	14%	12%	9%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	42%	33%	45%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	53%	59%	52%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	9%	3%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Generic US Senate Ballot</b>				
<b>Democratic candidate</b>	53%	60%	51%	49%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	41%	33%	43%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	45%	39%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	32%	37%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	23%	23%	25%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Casey / Barletta</b>				
<b>Bob Casey</b>	54%	63%	50%	50%
<b>Lou Barletta</b>	36%	29%	39%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	8%	10%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Importance of Healthcare When Deciding Vote</b>				
<b>Most important issue</b>	25%	26%	23%	28%
<b>Very important issue</b>	46%	40%	52%	43%
<b>Somewhat important issue</b>	22%	24%	20%	22%
<b>Not that important an issue</b>	5%	9%	4%	4%
<b>Not an important issue at all</b>	1%	1%	1%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	1%	0%	0%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Congressional Action on ACA</b>				
<b>Keep what works and fix what doesn't</b>	60%	62%	60%	59%
<b>Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law</b>	33%	29%	34%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	9%	6%	7%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Party Trust More on Health Care</b>				
<b>Democratic Party</b>	<b>53%</b>	61%	52%	49%
<b>Republican Party</b>	<b>39%</b>	34%	42%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	5%	7%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Republican ACA Repeal Efforts Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>35%</b>	26%	37%	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>52%</b>	57%	51%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	17%	11%	13%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump and Republicans Undermine ACA Since Full Repeal Failure</b>				
<b>Think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since they failed...</b>	<b>53%</b>	57%	52%	50%
<b>Do not think President Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act since the...</b>	<b>34%</b>	30%	37%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	13%	11%	16%

