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**To: Interested Parties** 

Subject: Health Care Top Priority Issue for Voters In Various States Across the Country

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On the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passage of the Affordable Care Act, new Public Policy Polling surveys find health care is a top issue, voters reject repeal and voters support pro-health care candidates in 5 top battleground states.

## HEALTH CARE IS A TOP ISSUE

The survey finds that health care is a top priority issue for voters in Arizona, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Tennessee, and Wisconsin when deciding who to vote for in the upcoming election.

- ARIZONA: Health care is ranked as a top issue for 68% of voters (21% saying it is the most important issue and another 47% saying it is very important). Only 9% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- NEVADA: Health care is ranked as a top issue for 65% of voters (27% saying it is the most important issue and another 38% saying it is very important). Only 14% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- PENNSYLVANIA: 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.
- TENNESSEE: Health care is ranked as a top issue for 71% of voters (31% saying it is the most important issue and another 40% saying it is very important). Only 6% say it is not that important or not important at all.
- WISCONSIN: Health care is ranked as a top issue for 72% of voters (25% saying it is the most important issue and another 47% saying it is very important). Only 9% say it is not that important or not important at all.

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## **VOTERS DISAPPROVE OF GOP'S HEALTH CARE REPEAL**

In each of these states, voters are rejecting the Republican health care repeal:

- ARIZONA: Arizona voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 17 points (53% to 36%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 24% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 63% opposing them.
- PENNSYLVANIA: 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.
- NEVADA: Nevada voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 7 points (42% to 49%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 30% supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 58% opposing them.
- TENNESSEE: Tennessee voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act by 10 points (47% to 37%). Among independent voters, only 35% support the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 41% who oppose them.
- WISCONSIN: Wisconsin voters disapprove of the Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act
  by 20 points (55% to 35%). Among independent voters, the disparity is even wider with only 32%
  supporting the GOP's health care repeal efforts to 55% opposing them.

## **VOTERS WANT TO FIX AND IMPROVE HEALTH CARE, NOT REPEAL IT**

If given the choice between repealing health care or improving the Affordable Care Act, voters overwhelmingly want to make it work.

- ARIZONA: Only 38% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 56% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- PENNSYLVANIA: 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.
- NEVADA: Only 40% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 55% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.



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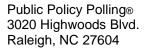
- TENNESSEE: Only 42% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 49% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.
- WISCONSIN: Only 31% of voters think the best path forward on health care is to repeal the Affordable Care Act, to 63% who think it should be kept in place with fixes made to it as necessary.

## PRO-HEALTH CARE CANDIDATE WIN AGAINST ANTI-HEALTH CARE ONES

In each of these 5 battleground states for 2018, the Democratic candidate who supports health care has a lead over the Republican candidate who supports health care repeal.

- ARIZONA: In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Kyrsten Sinema over Republican Martha McSally 46-41. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Sinema's lead grows to 71-17 over McSally.
- PENNSYLVANIA: 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.
- NEVADA: In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Jacky Rosen over Republican Dean Heller 44-39. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Rosen's lead grows to 61-21 over Heller.
- TENNESSEE: In a hypothetical US Senate election matchup, voters prefer Democrat Phil Bredesen over Republican Marsha Blackburn 46-41. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Bredesen's lead grows to 56-26 over Blackburn.
- WISCONSIN: In hypothetical US Senate election matchups, voters prefer Democrat Tammy Baldwin over Republican Leah Vukmir 51-39 and Republican Kevin Nicholson 51-38. Among voters who say that health care is the most important issue, Baldwin's lead grows to 72-21 over Vukmir and 71-21 over Nicholson.

PPP surveyed 547 <u>Arizona</u> voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for AZ is +/- 4.2%. PPP surveyed 720 <u>Nevada</u> voters from March 15-17, 2018. The margin of error for NV is +/- 3.7%. PPP surveyed 1,056 <u>Pennsylvania</u> voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for PA is +/- 3.0%. PPP surveyed 1,014 <u>Tennessee</u> voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for TN is +/- 3.1%. PPP surveyed 910 <u>Wisconsin</u> voters from March 15-16, 2018. The margin of error for WI is +/- 3.3%. The surveys were conducted using automated telephone interviews.



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