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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Montana Voters Oppose ACA Repeal; Voters Say They Will Blame GOP for Upcoming Rate Increases

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that, by a 17-point margin, Montana voters oppose repealing the Affordable Care Act and instead want to keep what works and fix what doesn't. 47% of voters in Montana say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports repealing the Affordable Care Act. A majority of voters – 55% – say they'll hold Republicans in Washington responsible for health care premium increase announcements this summer and fall – a gaping 23-point margin over those who would not.

Key findings from the survey include:

- **By a 55-38 margin, voters say they want to keep what works about the Affordable Care Act and fix what doesn't, rather than repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law – independent voters agree by a 66-28 margin.**
- There's strong evidence that Republican efforts to repeal the ACA will hurt Montana Republicans at the ballot box this November. 47% of voters say they'd be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports repeal, including 53% of independents and even 21% of Republicans.
- **Voters say they will blame Republicans if health care premiums increase this summer. 55% say they will hold Republicans in Washington responsible if rates increase, compared to just 32% who said they would not.**
- A plurality of voters (47%) say they believe Washington Republicans and President Trump have been trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act – and a majority of independent voters (52%) also say they agree with that statement.

PPP surveyed 665 registered voters Montana from May 9-10, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. The survey was conducted using automated telephone interviews for Protect Our Care.



Montana Survey Results

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

Approve 52%
Disapprove 44%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you support or oppose the Affordable Care Act?

Support 43%
Oppose 41%
Not sure 16%

Q3 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 55%
Repeal it and start over with a new healthcare law 38%
Not sure 7%

Q4 Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports repealing the Affordable Care Act, or would it not make a difference?

More likely 36%
Less likely 47%
Wouldn't make a difference 13%
Not sure 5%

Q5 Will you hold Republicans in Washington responsible if health care premiums increase this summer, or not?

Will hold Republicans in Washington responsible if health care premiums increase this summer 55%
Will not hold Republicans in Washington responsible if health care premiums increase this summer 32%
Not sure 14%

Q6 Do you think Washington Republicans and President Trump have been trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act, or not?

Think Washington Republicans and President Trump have been trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act 47%
Do not think Washington Republicans and President Trump have been trying to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act 42%
Not sure 11%

Q7 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 53%
Hillary Clinton 37%
Someone else / Did not vote 10%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 26%
Republican 35%
Independent 39%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 88%
Other 12%



Q11 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	31%