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Subject: Alaskans will hold Sen. Murkowski accountable for her vote on a Supreme Court nominee who would overturn pre-existing conditions protections or reverse *Roe v. Wade*

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As Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing approaches next week, a new survey conducted by Clarity Campaign Labs on behalf of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Protect Our Care shows that voters in Alaska want Sen. Lisa Murkowski to stand up for health care protections and women's constitutional rights, including abortion. **Voters showed clear opposition to overturning *Roe v. Wade* and dismantling the health care protections under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).** As voters learn more about Judge Kavanaugh's views and record on the ACA, on protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and on safe, legal abortion, the more wary of his nomination Alaskans become and the more they want Murkowski to oppose his nomination. The survey was conducted between August 21 and August 25 using live calls to landlines and cell phones of registered voters in Alaska. The sample included 782 voters, and the margin of error is +/- 3.42 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval.

Alaska voters strongly support current ACA protections, which prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, or pregnancy. In fact, nearly eight in 10 voters (78 percent) believe the Supreme Court should keep those protections in place.

- Alaskans also oppose the Supreme Court ruling against the Affordable Care Act as a whole, with 54 percent opposed to overturning the ACA compared with only 33 percent who support overturning the law.
- Forty-two percent say they are *less likely* to support Judge Kavanaugh's nomination when they learn about his likely positions on protections for people with pre-existing conditions, while only 12 percent say they are more likely to support his nomination.

Additionally, Alaska voters are concerned about women's rights, including abortion.

Seventy-one percent do not want to see the Supreme Court restrict women's constitutional rights, and 45 percent of Alaska voters believe the right to have an abortion is at risk.

Forty-seven percent of Alaska voters believe that there's more than a 50 percent chance that Kavanaugh will rule to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Upon hearing that Judge Kavanaugh would likely tip the balance of the court on *Roe v. Wade*, 47 percent of voters become less likely to support his confirmation, with only 16 percent being more likely. **Voters want members of Congress to support women's constitutional rights, including abortion.** Sixty-two percent are more likely to support a candidate for Congress who supports women's rights, compared to only 10 percent who prefer to support candidates who oppose those rights.

Alaskans made clear they will hold Sen. Murkowski accountable for her vote on Kavanaugh's nomination. Forty-five percent would view Sen. Murkowski less favorably if she voted for an anti-ACA nominee by a 29 percent margin. **By 33-points voters would view Sen. Murkowski less favorably if she voted for an anti-Roe nominee (49 percent compared to 16 percent).** Almost twice as many voters would be less likely to vote for Sen. Murkowski if she voted to confirm Judge Kavanaugh (41 percent less likely compared to 22 percent more likely).

Alaska voters want to see Sen. Murkowski secure women's rights and health care protections and are willing to take action to make their voices heard. Fifty-five percent of Alaska voters said they would be very or somewhat likely to contact their U.S. senators regarding Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination.