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Subject: Republicans in Trouble on ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions; Florida Voters Say They're Less Likely to Support them Due to Health Care Stance

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A new survey by Public Policy Polling finds that Republicans are in trouble on the issue of the Affordable Care Act and pre-existing conditions as Florida voters say they are less likely to support Republicans due to their stance on health care. In Florida's 25th Congressional District, a plurality of voters (46%) say they are less likely to vote for Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart because of his effort to repeal the ACA.

The Trump administration recently went to court to eliminate the health care law's protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and voters overwhelmingly oppose their action. 63% oppose the lawsuit, including 50% of Republicans. Floridians are also less likely to vote for Republicans who stayed silent on this lawsuit. A plurality of voters (49%) say they are less likely to vote for Congressman Diaz-Balart because of his silence on the lawsuit.

Key findings in the survey include:

- Health care is a very important issue to voters when deciding who to vote for. 69% say it is either the most important issue or a very important issue when deciding who to vote for.
- Floridians are very concerned about the possible consequences of repealing the ACA. 63% of voters think charging people 50+ years old, five times more than younger people for health insurance is a major concern. Eliminating protections for people with pre-existing conditions is a major concern for 63% of voters.
- In a preview of the November election, Republican Mario Diaz-Balart has a five percentage point advantage over Democrat Mary Barzee Flores, 41-36.

PPP surveyed 541 FL 25 voters from September 17-19, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

