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Subject: Republicans in Trouble on ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions; Ohio 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 Ohio voters say they are less likely to support Republicans due to their stance on health care. In Ohio's 14th Congressional District, half of voters (50%) say they would vote for a generic Democrat who supports the Affordable Care Act and wants to improve it over a Republican who wants to repeal (42%).

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 a 51% majority of Republicans. Ohioans are also less likely to vote for Republicans who stayed silent on this lawsuit. A plurality of voters (44%) say they are less likely to vote for Congressman David Joyce because of his silence on the lawsuit.

Key findings in the survey include:

- Health care is an important issue to voters when deciding who to vote for. 64% say it is either the most important issue or a very important issue when deciding who to vote for.
- Ohioans are very concerned about the possible consequences of repealing the ACA. 65% 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 60% of voters.

PPP surveyed 577 OH 14 voters from September 17-18, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

