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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Voters Disapprove of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus Crisis and Trust Cooper Far More**

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Public Policy Polling's newest North Carolina survey finds that voters in the state think Roy Cooper is doing a much better job of handling the coronavirus than Donald Trump:

**-Cooper's net approval rating for his handling of the virus is 43 points better than Trump's.** Cooper has a +40 approval for it at 62/22, while Trump gets a -3 rating with only 46% approving and 49% disapproving of the job he's doing handling the virus.

-On the head-to head question of who voters trust more to protect North Carolina from the coronavirus, **Cooper beats out Trump 58-33**, including a 62-27 spread with independents.

-On the question of who voters trust more to decide when to reopen the state **Cooper leads Trump by an even wider 33 point margin at 62-29**, including 64-22 with independents.

The survey also finds that North Carolina voters think social distancing measures need to stay in place and take a dim view of the protesters pushing for the country to immediately reopen:

**-Only 16% of voters think social distancing measures should be relaxed** with 52% believing that the current policies are correct and 28% supporting more aggressive measures than the ones already in place. **Even among Trump voters only 28% think social distancing measures should be relaxed** to 69% who think either the status quo or more aggressive measures would be the right approach.

**-Only 19% of voters say they support the protests** to immediately lift restrictions, compared to 69% of voters who say they oppose them. Among independents, it's a 19/67 spread against the protests.

-By a 20 point margin, 55/35, voters say they're more worried about they or someone in their family getting sick from the virus than they are about the economic impact it's having on their family.





Trump's overall approval rating in the state is 45/50, and he **trails Joe Biden 49-46** in a head-to-head matchup.

PPP surveyed 1,275 North Carolina voters on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> on behalf of Protect Our Care. The survey was conducted half by calls to landlines and half by texts to cell phones, and the margin of error is +/-2.7%

