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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: New Poll: Democrats' New Bill on Health Care Far More Popular With Voters Than Trump's Lawsuit**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that on the eve of the Trump administration's anticipated filings in the Supreme Court on June 25 to overturn the Affordable Care Act in its entirety, large majorities of voters oppose the administration's lawsuit and have major concerns about its impact on American health care. In contrast, the survey shows that voters across the political spectrum strongly support provisions in the House Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act.

Only 27% of voters agree with President Trump that the ACA should be struck down. Voters, including large percentages of independents and Republicans, have major concerns about impacts of the lawsuit:

- 72% say that the elimination of protections that stop insurance companies from denying coverage or raising costs for 135 million Americans with pre-existing medical conditions is a major concern. This includes 61% of independents and a plurality (49%) of Republicans.
- 71% say that over 20 million Americans losing their health insurance coverage if the ACA is struck down is a major concern, including 68% of independents and a plurality (48%) of Republicans.
- 68% say allowing insurance companies to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs is a major concern, including 66% of independents and 51% of Republicans.

Voters also show overwhelming, bipartisan support for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act -- legislation under consideration in Congress to improve health care in America.

- 81% support expanding Medicaid so more low and moderate-income Americans can qualify and get treated for coronavirus and other health care needs, including 81% of independents and 66% of Republicans.



- 81% support making health insurance more affordable by providing financial assistance to more moderate income people and families and increasing the amount of assistance, including 82% of independents and 70% of Republicans.
- 56% support ending short-term insurance plans, known as junk plans, including 58% of independents and 50% of Republicans.

Voters also strongly support a key provision of the HEROES Act to help the uninsured have access to affordable health care. 76% support offering a special enrollment period to allow uninsured Americans to sign up for affordable coverage through the Affordable Care Act in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes 76% of independents and 59% of Republicans.

Protecting the ACA is even more popular among seniors over the age of 65, with 61% saying it should not be struck down and just 19% supporting striking it down. These voters are especially concerned about the consequences of striking down the ACA. A large majority of seniors (78%) have major concerns about eliminating protections for people with pre-existing conditions and about 20 million Americans losing their health insurance coverage, and 70% have major concerns about allowing insurance companies to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs.

Overall, President Trump's actions on health care are unpopular with a majority of voters—52% disapprove of his job performance on health care, while just 39% approve. Fifty-two percent of voters trust the Democratic Congress on the issue of health care, while 41% trust President Trump. In contrast, 51% of voters trust former Vice President Joe Biden more on the issue of health care, while only 42% say they trust President Trump. In the presidential race, Biden is leading President Trump by 9 points (52-43).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 1,013 national voters from June 19-20, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.1%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.



## National Survey Results

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

*Approve* ..... 41%  
*Disapprove* ..... 54%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q2** If the election for President were held today, would you vote for Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump?

*Joe Biden* ..... 52%  
*Donald Trump* ..... 43%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q3** If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or the Republican candidate?

*Democratic candidate* ..... 52%  
*Republican candidate* ..... 41%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q4** Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the job President Trump has done on the issue of health care?

*Approve* ..... 39%  
*Disapprove* ..... 52%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q5** Who do you trust more on the issue of health care: President Trump or Joe Biden?

*Trust President Trump more* ..... 42%  
*Trust Joe Biden more* ..... 51%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q6** Who do you trust more on the issue of health care: President Trump or Democrats in Congress?

*Trust President Trump more* ..... 41%  
*Trust Democrats in Congress more* ..... 52%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q7** Congress is about to consider legislation to improve health care in America. I'm going to read you a bit of information about possible options and after each one, ask if you strongly support it, somewhat support it, not really support it or do not support it at all. Here's the first one: expanding Medicaid so more low and moderate-income Americans can qualify and get treated for coronavirus and other health care needs. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, not really support or not support this measure at all?

*Strongly support it* ..... 58%  
*Somewhat support it* ..... 23%  
*Don't really support it* ..... 7%  
*Don't support it at all* ..... 5%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q8** Here's the next one: Ending short-term insurance plans, known as junk plans. These insurance plans might not cover your care for coronavirus or the health care you need if you're diagnosed with a pre-existing condition. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, not really support or not support this measure at all?

*Strongly support it* ..... 35%  
*Somewhat support it* ..... 21%  
*Don't really support it* ..... 13%  
*Don't support it at all* ..... 14%  
*Not sure* ..... 16%





**Q9** Here's the next one: A special enrollment period to allow uninsured Americans to sign up for affordable coverage through the Affordable Care Act in response to this pandemic. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, not really support or not support this measure at all?

*Strongly support it*..... 56%  
*Somewhat support it*..... 20%  
*Don't really support it* ..... 9%  
*Don't support it at all* ..... 8%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q10** Here's the next one: Making health insurance more affordable by providing financial assistance to more moderate income people and families and increasing the amount of assistance, so no American spends more than a reasonable portion of their income on health insurance. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, not really support or not support this measure at all?

*Strongly support it*..... 60%  
*Somewhat support it*..... 21%  
*Don't really support it* ..... 7%  
*Don't support it at all* ..... 6%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q11** Despite the coronavirus crisis, the Trump administration is in court to strike down our entire health care law, known as the Affordable Care Act, without any replacement. Do you think our health care law should be struck down by the courts, or not?

*Think it should be struck down*..... 27%  
*Do not think it should be struck down*..... 55%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%

**Q12** Now I am going to read you a list of consequences that independent, nonpartisan analysts have identified could result from this court case striking down our health care laws, and then ask you whether you find that to be a major concern about the lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all. Here's the first one: striking down the health care law would allow insurance companies to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs. Is losing coverage for the costs of prescription drugs a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

*A major concern* ..... 68%  
*A minor concern* ..... 15%  
*Not really a concern at all*..... 8%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%

**Q13** Here's the next one: striking down the health care law would eliminate protections that stop insurance companies from denying coverage or raising the costs for 135 million Americans who have pre-existing medical conditions like cancer, diabetes, asthma, and coronavirus. Is this a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

*A major concern* ..... 72%  
*A minor concern* ..... 12%  
*Not really a concern at all*..... 8%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q14** Here's the last one: striking down the health care law would mean over twenty million Americans would completely lose their health insurance coverage. Is this a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

*A major concern* ..... 71%  
*A minor concern* ..... 11%  
*Not really a concern at all*..... 11%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%





**Q15** Having heard some more information, let me ask you again: Despite the coronavirus crisis, the Trump administration is in court to strike down our entire health care law, known as the Affordable Care Act, without any replacement. Do you think our health care law should be struck down by the courts, or not?

- Think it should be struck down* ..... 25%
- Do not think it should be struck down* ..... 59%
- Not sure* ..... 16%

**Q16** In the 2016 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* ..... 44%
- Hillary Clinton* ..... 47%
- Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 9%

**Q17** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman* ..... 53%
- Man* ..... 47%

**Q18** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* ..... 43%
- Republican* ..... 33%
- Independent* ..... 24%

**Q19** If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

- Hispanic or Latino* ..... 9%
- White* ..... 73%
- African-American* ..... 12%
- Other* ..... 6%

**Q20** If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

- 18 to 29* ..... 13%
- 30 to 45* ..... 25%
- 46 to 65* ..... 39%
- Older than 65* ..... 23%

**Q21** What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

- High school graduate or less* ..... 37%
- Some college but did not finish* ..... 23%
- 2-year college degree* ..... 9%
- 4-year college degree* ..... 19%
- Post-graduate degree* ..... 12%

**Q22** Mode

- Landline* ..... 50%
- Text* ..... 50%

