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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Widespread Support in Key Congressional Districts for Medicare Negotiation to Lower Drug Prices, Other Key Health Provisions, and the Overall Build Back Better Plan

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Four new Public Policy Polling surveys conducted among voters in four key Congressional Districts find strong bipartisan support for the key reforms to health care that are part of the Build Back Better plan that will lower drug costs and insurance premiums, expand Medicare benefits, and increase coverage. The districts polled are California's 52nd Congressional District (represented by Scott Peters), Florida's 7th Congressional District (represented by Stephanie Murphy), New Jersey's 5th Congressional District (represented by Josh Gottheimer), and New York's 4th Congressional District (represented by Kathleen Rice).

Overwhelming majorities of voters across party lines in each district support giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices.

- 81% of CA-52 voters, 80% of FL-07 voters, 78% of NY-04 voters, and 77% of NJ-05 voters say they support giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, with a majority in each district saying they strongly support it.
 - This includes support from a majority across party lines, including 86-94% of Democrats, 69-79% of independents and 64-70% of Republicans.
 - An overwhelming majority of voters (87% in FL-7 and NJ-05, 86% in NY-04, and 79% in CA-52) say they think the price of prescription drugs is too high, while just 6-11% think they are “about right.”
- An overwhelming majority of voters in each district (90% in NJ-05, 87% in NY-04 and FL-07, and 83% in CA-52) support making sure that Americans do not pay more for the same prescription drugs than what people pay in other countries, while just 4-10% oppose it. Those in support include 84-86% of independents and 71-90% of Republicans.
- Voters reject the drug company argument that giving Medicare the power to negotiate will undermine innovation. A strong majority of voters in each district (77% in CA-52, 75% in FL-07, 74% in NJ-05, and 70% in NY-04) say they agree more that Medicare should be allowed to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients. Just 9-11% agree more with the



drug company argument that by letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, drug companies' ability to innovate and develop new drugs will be undercut.

Voters are also supportive of the other benefits the Build Back Better plan would offer for health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid:

- 70% of CA-52 voters, 65% of NY-04 and FL-07 voters, and 62% of NJ-05 voters support a plan in Congress to lower the health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own by expanding tax credits and subsidies. Just 10-16% overall are opposed. Like many of the previous initiatives, this attracts bipartisan support, including 58-72% of Republican voters and 60-66% of independents.
- 85% of FL-7 and NY-04 voters, 84% of CA-52 voters, and 83% of NJ-05 voters support using savings from lower drug prices to provide health care benefits for hearing, dental, and vision to seniors on Medicare, and lower insurance premiums for millions more. Supporters include 72-84% of Republicans and 75-82% of independents.
- 72% of CA-52 voters, 70% of NY-04 voters, 69% of FL-07 voters, and 62% of NJ-05 voters support giving low- and moderate-income Americans, including seniors, children, and people who do not get insurance at work, the opportunity to get health insurance at little or no cost if their district does not offer coverage under Medicaid. Just 14-20% are opposed. Supporters include a majority of independents (52-64%) and a plurality to majority of Republicans, depending on the district (43-63%).

A majority of voters in all four districts (72% in CA-52, 70% in NY-04, 65% in FL-07, and 62% in NJ-05) say they support the overall Build Back Better plan, which would provide paid family and medical leave, expand Medicare coverage for seniors including dental, vision, and hearing coverage, and lower health care costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 662 voters in California's 52nd Congressional District on behalf of Protect Our Care from October 15-17, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 516 voters in Florida's 7th Congressional District on behalf of Protect Our Care from October 15-16, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 60% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 40% by telephone.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 658 voters in New Jersey's 5th Congressional District on behalf of Protect Our Care from October 15-17, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 532 voters in New York 4th Congressional District on behalf of Protect Our Care from October 15-16, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.



California CD 52 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Representative Scott Peters' job performance?

Approve 33%
Disapprove 33%
Not sure 35%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of pharmaceutical or drug companies?

Favorable 20%
Unfavorable 54%
Not sure 26%

Q3 Which party do you trust more on the issue of prescription drug prices: Joe Biden and Democrats, or Republicans?

Trust Joe Biden and Democrats more on the issue of prescription drug prices 57%
Trust Republicans more on the issue of prescription drug prices 27%
Not sure 15%

Q4 Generally speaking, do you think prescription drug prices are too high, too low, or about right?

Too high 79%
Too low 2%
About right 11%
Not sure 8%

Q5 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices for all Americans?

Strongly support 63%
Somewhat support 18%
Somewhat oppose 5%
Strongly oppose 6%
Not sure 9%

Q6 If Representative Scott Peters opposed Medicare having the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you be less or more likely to vote for him in the next election, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 50%
More likely 12%
It wouldn't make a difference 26%
Not sure 12%

Q7 Now I'm going to read you some policies that would lower prescription drug prices, and ask you to tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: Making sure Americans do not pay more for the same prescription drugs than what people pay in other countries.

Strongly support 67%
Somewhat support 16%
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 4%
Not sure 8%

Q8 Here's the next one: Savings from lower drug prices would be used to provide health care benefits for hearing, dental and vision to seniors on Medicare and lower overall health insurance premiums for millions more.

Strongly support 66%
Somewhat support 18%
Somewhat oppose 4%
Strongly oppose 6%
Not sure 7%





Q9 Thinking about policies to lower prescription drug prices, which of the following comes closer to how you feel: “We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients”; or “By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”

- “We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients”*..... 77%
- “By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs”*..... 11%
- Not sure* 12%

Q10 Moving to another topic, there is a plan in Congress that would lower the health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own by expanding tax credits and subsidies. Do you support or oppose this plan to lower health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own?

- Support* 70%
- Oppose* 10%
- Not sure* 20%

Q11 There is a plan in Congress that would give low- and moderate-income Americans, including seniors, children, and people who do not get insurance at work, the opportunity to get health insurance at little or no cost if their state does not offer coverage under Medicaid. Do you support or oppose this?

- Support* 72%
- Oppose* 14%
- Not sure* 14%

Q12 As you may know, Congress is considering a new economic plan that will provide paid family and medical leave, establish a universal pre-K program, expand Medicare coverage for seniors including dental, vision, and hearing coverage, and lower health care costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. Do you support or oppose this new economic plan?

- Support* 72%
- Oppose* 17%
- Not sure* 12%

Q13 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump* 33%
- Joe Biden* 62%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 5%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* 45%
- Republican* 27%
- Independent* 29%

Q16 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If Asian, press 3. If other, press 4.

- Hispanic or Latino* 9%
- White* 74%
- Asian*..... 9%
- Other*..... 8%



Q17 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	36%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%

Q18 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?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	13%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	18%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	33%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	26%

Q19 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	50%
<i>Text</i>	50%



Florida CD 07 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Representative Stephanie Murphy's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove 29%
Not sure 29%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of pharmaceutical or drug companies?

Favorable 16%
Unfavorable 61%
Not sure 22%

Q3 Which party do you trust more on the issue of prescription drug prices: Joe Biden and Democrats, or Republicans?

Trust Joe Biden and Democrats more on the issue of prescription drug prices 49%
Trust Republicans more on the issue of prescription drug prices 39%
Not sure 13%

Q4 Generally speaking, do you think prescription drug prices are too high, too low, or about right?

Too high 87%
Too low 1%
About right 8%
Not sure 4%

Q5 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices for all Americans?

Strongly support 65%
Somewhat support 15%
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 5%
Not sure 9%

Q6 If Representative Stephanie Murphy opposed Medicare having the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you be less or more likely to vote for her in the next election, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 43%
More likely 13%
It wouldn't make a difference 32%
Not sure 12%

Q7 Now I'm going to read you some policies that would lower prescription drug prices, and ask you to tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: Making sure Americans do not pay more for the same prescription drugs than what people pay in other countries.

Strongly support 73%
Somewhat support 14%
Somewhat oppose 4%
Strongly oppose 2%
Not sure 8%

Q8 Here's the next one: Savings from lower drug prices would be used to provide health care benefits for hearing, dental and vision to seniors on Medicare and lower overall health insurance premiums for millions more.

Strongly support 68%
Somewhat support 17%
Somewhat oppose 5%
Strongly oppose 3%
Not sure 7%





Q9 Thinking about policies to lower prescription drug prices, which of the following comes closer to how you feel: “We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients”; or “By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs.”

- “We should allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to make drugs and medication more affordable to patients”*..... 75%
- “By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs”* 10%
- Not sure* 15%

Q10 Moving to another topic, there is a plan in Congress that would lower the health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own by expanding tax credits and subsidies. Do you support or oppose this plan to lower health insurance costs for people who buy insurance on their own?

- Support* 65%
- Oppose* 12%
- Not sure* 22%

Q11 There is a plan in Congress that would give low- and moderate-income Americans, including seniors, children, and people who do not get insurance at work, the opportunity to get health insurance at little or no cost if their state does not offer coverage under Medicaid. Do you support or oppose this?

- Support* 69%
- Oppose* 15%
- Not sure* 16%

Q12 As you may know, Congress is considering a new economic plan that will provide paid family and medical leave, establish a universal pre-K program, expand Medicare coverage for seniors including dental, vision, and hearing coverage, and lower health care costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. Do you support or oppose this new economic plan?

- Support* 65%
- Oppose* 24%
- Not sure* 11%

Q13 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump* 42%
- Joe Biden* 53%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 5%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

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

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* 43%
- Republican* 38%
- Independent* 19%

Q16 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

- Hispanic or Latino* 16%
- White* 72%
- Other*..... 13%



Q17 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	37%
<i>46 to 65</i>	41%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%

Q18 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?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	17%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	31%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	27%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	16%

Q19 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	40%
<i>Text</i>	60%



New Jersey CD 05 Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Representative Josh Gottheimer's job performance?
- Approve* 34%
 - Disapprove* 39%
 - Not sure* 27%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of pharmaceutical or drug companies?
- Favorable* 14%
 - Unfavorable* 60%
 - Not sure* 26%
- Q3** Which party do you trust more on the issue of prescription drug prices: Joe Biden and Democrats or Republicans?
- Trust Joe Biden and Democrats more on the issue of prescription drug prices* 48%
 - Trust Republicans more on the issue of prescription drug prices* 38%
 - Not sure* 14%
- Q4** Generally speaking, do you think prescription drug prices are too high, too low, or about right?
- Too high* 87%
 - Too low* 2%
 - About right* 6%
 - Not sure* 5%
- Q5** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose giving Medicare the power to lower prescription drug prices for all Americans?
- Strongly support* 61%
 - Somewhat support* 16%
 - Somewhat oppose* 6%
 - Strongly oppose* 5%
 - Not sure* 12%
- Q6** If Representative Josh Gottheimer opposed Medicare having the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you be less or more likely to vote for him in the next election, or would it not make a difference?
- Less likely* 39%
 - More likely* 14%
 - It wouldn't make a difference* 33%
 - Not sure* 14%
- Q7** Now I'm going to read you some policies that would lower prescription drug prices, and ask you to tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose them. Here's the first one: Making sure Americans do not pay more for the same prescription drugs than what people pay in other countries.
- Strongly support* 74%
 - Somewhat support* 16%
 - Somewhat oppose* 3%
 - Strongly oppose* 1%
 - Not sure* 7%
- Q8** Here's the next one: Savings from lower drug prices would be used to provide health care benefits for hearing, dental and vision to seniors on Medicare and lower overall health insurance premiums for millions more.
- Strongly support* 67%
 - Somewhat support* 16%
 - Somewhat oppose* 4%
 - Strongly oppose* 5%
 - Not sure* 8%





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- “By letting Medicare dictate prescription drug prices, we will undercut drug companies’ ability to innovate and develop new drugs”* 9%
- Not sure* 17%

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- Support* 62%
- Oppose* 16%
- Not sure* 22%

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- Support* 62%
- Oppose* 20%
- Not sure* 19%

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- Support* 62%
- Oppose* 23%
- Not sure* 14%

Q13 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump* 45%
- Joe Biden* 50%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 5%

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

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- Democrat* 38%
- Republican* 33%
- Independent* 29%

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- Hispanic or Latino* 9%
- White* 79%
- Other*..... 12%



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<i>Older than 65</i>	24%

Q18 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?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	25%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	17%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	8%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	29%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	20%

Q19 Mode

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<i>Text</i>	50%



New York CD 04 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Representative Kathleen Rice's job performance?

Approve 30%
Disapprove 39%
Not sure 31%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of pharmaceutical or drug companies?

Favorable 17%
Unfavorable 63%
Not sure 20%

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Too low 0%
About right 8%
Not sure 5%

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Strongly support 63%
Somewhat support 15%
Somewhat oppose 7%
Strongly oppose 6%
Not sure 9%

Q6 If Representative Kathleen Rice opposed Medicare having the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices for all Americans, would you be less or more likely to vote for her in the next election, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 46%
More likely 13%
It wouldn't make a difference 31%
Not sure 11%

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- Support* 65%
- Oppose* 11%
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- Oppose* 19%
- Not sure* 11%

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- Donald Trump* 41%
- Joe Biden* 54%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 5%

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Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* 42%
- Republican* 33%
- Independent* 25%

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- White* 69%
- African-American* 15%
- Other*..... 7%





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<i>2-year college degree</i>	9%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	24%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	21%

Q19 Mode

<i>Landline</i>	50%
<i>Text</i>	50%

