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**Subject: Congressional Races in PA, MI, & WA Will Be Competitive;
Congressional Republicans' Proposed Tax Plan Largely Unpopular**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that the tax plan proposed by Congressional Republicans is deeply unpopular, and Congressional seats in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Washington are looking to be quite competitive. Despite the fact that they are not running for re-election, the current Members of Congress should be open to persuasion on the Republican tax reform plan, especially if they are listening to their constituents who are not in favor of this plan and its provisions.

PA-15

In Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District, Congress has a 9% approval and 84% disapproval rating, and Speaker Paul Ryan has a 25% approval and 61% disapproval rating. President Trump is just as popular as he is unpopular (47/47), but a majority (53%) of his supporters oppose the provision in the tax plan that would give wealthy Americans a tax cut. The hypothetical election matchup between a Democratic candidate (44%) and a Republican candidate (43%) is quite close and indicates that this will be a very competitive race. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan proposed by Congressional Republicans is very unpopular in this district. Incumbent Republican Congressman Charlie Dent should also note that his constituents strongly oppose this plan and key components in it.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal*	33%	46%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut*	18%	71%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit*	17%	67%

PPP surveyed 977 PA-15 voters from October 5-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

MI-11

In Michigan's 11th Congressional District, President Trump, Congress, and Speaker Paul Ryan are all quite unpopular. Trump has a 44% approval rating and 50% say they disapprove of the job he is doing, while 10% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 80% say they disapprove. 22% approve of the job Speaker Ryan is doing and 65% disapprove. The hypothetical election matchup between a Democratic candidate and a Republican candidate is currently tied (42/42). Candidates should be aware that the tax plan proposed by Congressional Republicans is very unpopular in this district. Incumbent Republican Congressman David Trott should also note that his constituents strongly oppose this plan and key components in it.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	31%	49%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	18%	69%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	16%	67%

PPP surveyed 709 MI-11 voters from October 5-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

WA-8

In Washington's 8th Congressional District, President Trump, Congress, and Speaker Paul Ryan are all unpopular. Trump has a 40% approval rating and 55% say they disapprove of the job he is doing, while 12% of voters say they approve of the job Congress is doing and 79% say they disapprove. 20% approve of the job Speaker Ryan is doing and 67% disapprove. The hypothetical election matchup between Dino Rossi (42%) and a "Democratic candidate" (43%) is very close. Candidates should be aware that the tax plan proposed by Congressional Republicans is very unpopular in this district. Incumbent Republican Congressman Dave Reichert should also note that his constituents strongly oppose this plan and key components in it.

	Support	Oppose
Congressional Republican Tax Proposal	30%	51%
Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut	21%	67%
Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit	17%	65%



PPP surveyed 753 WA-8 voters from October 6-8, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

***Exact language for the questions on the proposed tax plan and its provisions:**

- **Congressional Republican Tax Proposal:** *“Based on what you know right now, would you say you support or oppose the Republicans in Congress’ tax proposal, or have you not heard anything about it?”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Wealthy Tax Cut:** *“Over 80% of the tax cuts go to the top 1% -- those with incomes of over \$430,000 a year.”*
- **Tax Plan Provision: Increasing the Deficit:** *“The tax plan would increase the deficit by \$2.4 trillion over the next ten years.”*

