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## **To: Interested Parties**

Subject: A majority of Voters in the Biden 18 House Districts Believe a Republican Impeachment Inquiry of Joe Biden would be more about helping Donald Trump than finding the truth.

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A new Public Policy Polling <u>survey</u> finds that a majority of voters in key battleground districts (55%) think an impeachment inquiry would be more about helping Donald Trump than finding the truth, including 56% of independent voters, while just 41% think it would be more about finding the truth.

Additionally, 56% think an impeachment inquiry would be more of a partisan political stunt, including 55% of independent voters, while only 41% think it would be more of a serious effort to investigate important problems.

Voters view a potential impeachment inquiry as partisan and political in nature and don't support Republican efforts to impeach President Biden without evidence. A majority of voters, including a majority of independents, say there should be a House vote before an impeachment inquiry begins.

- Two-thirds (67%) of voters overall and 73% of independents say that President Biden should not be impeached if no evidence is found that he received any bribes or changed government policies in relation to the activities of his son, Hunter Biden.
- A majority of voters (56%) think an impeachment inquiry would be more about damaging President Biden politically, including 61% of independent voters, while only 41% think it would be more about finding the truth.
- A majority of voters (56%) from these key swing districts think the House of Representatives should have to vote to authorize an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden before it begins, with just 31% believing the House should not have to vote to authorize the proceedings. Those in support of requiring a House vote include a majority of independent voters (51%), while only 29% of independents think the House should not have to vote to authorize an impeachment inquiry.

A majority of Americans in these key swing districts disapprove of Republicans in Congress. Republicans in Congress are unpopular, with a net favorability of -28 points (32% favorable, 60% unfavorable) in these districts including -38 points (26-64) with independents.





- House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is also unpopular, with a net favorability rating of -32 points (29-61) among voters in these districts overall and -39 (24-63) with independents.
- Reps. James Comer, Jim Jordan, and Marjorie Taylor Greene, three Republicans who either chair or are members of the House Oversight Committee, are all underwater in favorability as well.
  - Oversight Chairman Comer is underwater by 17 points (23-40) overall and 24 points (17-41) with independents
  - Jordan is underwater by 17 points (33-50) overall and 27 points (28-55) with independents, and
  - Taylor Greene has a net negative favorability rating of 38 points (24-62) with all voters and 50 points (18-68) with independents.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 633 voters from the Biden 18–swing House districts won by Biden and held by Republicans. The poll was conducted from August 25-26, 2023. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 61% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 39% by telephone.

The Biden 18 are Don Bacon (NE-2), Lori Chavez-Deremer (OR-5), Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6), Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4), John Duarte (CA-13), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1), Mike Garcia (CA-27), Tom Kean, Jr. (NJ-7), Jen Kiggans (VA-2), Young Kim (CA-40), Nick LaLota (NY-1), Mike Lawler (NY-17), Marc Molinaro (NY-19), George Santos (NY-3), David Schweikert (AZ-1), Michelle Steel (CA-45), David Valadao (CA-22), and Brandon Williams (NY-22)

