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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Immigration Reform Could Help GOP Reps in 8 Vulnerable Districts**

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New PPP polls of 8 key House races find voters unhappy with their Representatives about the shutdown- but also find a path to getting back in voters’ good graces, most notably with independent voters- through voting for comprehensive immigration reform.

Anger over the shutdown is an issue driving the vulnerability of these Republican incumbents. Voters in every district say they’re less likely to support the incumbent next year because of the shutdown, and in 5 out of the 8 districts they’re less likely to do so by a double digit margin. Particularly noteworthy are MN-2 (27 points), OH-14 (21 points), and CA-31 (18 points) where voters are overwhelmingly less likely to reelect their representatives because of the shutdown Q4:

District	More Likely	Less Likely	Negative Spread
CA-31	31%	49%	18
IL-13	35%	48%	13
MN-2	28%	55%	27
NJ-2	33%	46%	13
NV-3	42%	46%	4
NY-11	37%	45%	8
OH-14	31%	52%	21
PA-8	39%	47%	8

3 of the 8 Republicans polled trail generic Democratic opponents for reelection next year. Gary Miller (CA-31) runs behind a Democrat 46-38, John Kline (MN-2) does 46-40, and David Joyce (OH-14) does (42-37). Another three find themselves in toss up territory with Joe Heck (NV-3) tied at 45, Rodney Davis (IL-13) leading only 44-42, and Mike Fitzpatrick (PA-8) up only 46/43. Mike Grimm (NY-11) and Frank LoBiondo (NJ-2) lead by wider margins of 46/41 and 47/38, but are still below the 50% mark considered safe for an incumbent

There is an issue though that could help these embattled representatives improve their standing, and that’s voting in support of comprehensive immigration reform. At least 65% of voters in all of these districts support it, including more than 70% support in MN-2 (78%), PA-8 (77%), OH-14 (76%), NY-11 (72%), and NJ-2 (71%). Beyond that the movement behind comprehensive immigration reform is bipartisan. At least 60% of independents in every district support it, as do a majority of Republicans in each of them.



Q5:

District	Overall Support	Support with GOP	Support with Indy's
CA-31	66/23	58/31	62/32
IL-13	69/19	66/20	67/22
MN-2	78/12	76/15	75/12
NJ-2	71/18	64/28	73/14
NV-3	65/25	52/37	61/28
NY-11	72/18	71/18	73/14
OH-14	76/11	75/17	74/12
PA-8	77/12	71/18	72/13

Most notably, voters make it clear in each of these districts that they'll be more likely to vote to reelect their Congressmen next year if they vote for immigration reform. In 7 out of the 8 districts, including all of the ones where the incumbent Republican trails a generic Democrat, voters say by a double digit margin that they'd be more likely to reelect their member next year if they vote for immigration reform. The numbers are particularly telling in PA-8 (a 25 point boost), MN-2 (a 22 point boost), NY-11 (a 21 point boost), and NJ-2 (a 16 point boost.) In addition to a vote for immigration reform being helpful overall, it also makes pivotal independent voters more likely to support their GOP incumbent in all seven of these districts. Those are the folks Republicans have really fallen with as a result of the shutdown, but they're also the folks who can be won back over by the Representative voting for immigration reform.

Q6:

District	More Likely/Less Likely	Positive Spread	With Independents
CA-31	39/28	11	37/33
IL-13	37/26	11	36/25
MN-2	42/20	22	42/19
NJ-2	39/23	16	34/21
NV-3	32/27	5	36/29
NY-11	45/24	21	46/14
OH-14	39/27	12	35/24
PA-8	45/20	25	37/24

All of these polls were conducted among registered voters between October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26th on behalf of SEIU. 634 were interviewed in CA-31 with a margin error of +/-3.9%. 812 were interviewed in IL-13 with a margin error of +/-3.4%. 781 were interviewed in MN-2 with a margin error of +/-3.5%. 628 were interviewed in NJ-2 with a margin error of +/-3.9%. 693 were interviewed in NV-3 with a margin error of +/-3.7%. 611 were interviewed in NY-11 with a margin error of +/-4.0%. 754 were interviewed in OH-14 with a margin error of +/-3.6%. 703 were interviewed in PA-8 with a margin of error of +/-3.7%