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New Public Policy Polling surveys in 10 key states found overwhelming opposition to efforts in Congress to prohibit federal funding for Planned Parenthood. The surveys also found that Senators who support efforts to bar the organization from receiving federal funds will face political backlash at home. Key findings of the surveys conducted in Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia include:

-57% of voters across the 10 states oppose barring Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds, to only 36% who support such a move. Significantly, pivotal independent voters stand against that potential action by a 56/37 margin, and there are twice as many Republicans (41%) who oppose barring funding as there are Democrats (20%) who support it.

-There is little support for barring Planned Parenthood's federal funding in any of the individual states surveyed. Support goes as low as 27% (Massachusetts) and doesn't rise higher than 43% (Missouri and Arkansas) in any of the states. The states we polled represent a cross section of the country from red to blue on the political spectrum, and in none of them is there a desire to inhibit the work for which Planned Parenthood receives federal funds.

-52% of voters in these 10 states say they would be less likely to support their Senator in a future election if he/she voted to bar Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds, compared to only 30% who would be more likely to support a candidate who votes to bar federal funding for Planned Parenthood. The independent voters whose preferences frequently make the difference in close elections match the numbers of the overall electorate almost identically- 51% would be less inclined to support a Senator who voted against Planned Parenthood.

-When voters are aware of some of the specific health services Planned Parenthood provides with the federal money, voters oppose barring funding even more strenuously. 64% oppose efforts to bar funding for Planned Parenthood's screenings for breast cancer and testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. 63% oppose barring funds for Planned Parenthood's screenings for cervical cancer, and 61% opposed barring funds for supplying of birth control.

Senators who want the strong support of their constituents will oppose the efforts being made to take away Planned Parenthood's funding. If they support barring federal funds for Planned Parenthood, Senators are likely to suffer electoral consequences further down the line.





All interviews were conducted February 23rd and 24th. 793 Alaska voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-3.5%, 569 Arkansas voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.1%, 560 Illinois voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.1%, 588 Maine voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.0%, 545 Massachusetts voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.2%, 752 Missouri voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-3.6%, 666 Montana voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-3.8%, 630 Nebraska voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-3.9%, 612 Pennsylvania voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.0%, and 503 West Virginia voters were surveyed with a margin of error of +/-4.4%

