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Subject: Nearly Two-Thirds of South Carolinians Support Right to Abortion & Oppose a Statewide Abortion Ban; Think State Legislature Spends Too Little Time Focusing on South Carolina Families

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds strong support for abortion rights in South Carolina, with nearly two-thirds of South Carolinians (63%) saying it is important to them that women in South Carolina have access to all reproductive health care options, including abortion. In the wake of the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, South Carolinians also oppose an abortion ban in their state with nearly two-thirds (61%) saying they believe that abortion should be legal, and just 8% saying they think it should be illegal in all cases.

Three in four (75%) respondents agree that women should have the right to make their own personal health care decisions. South Carolinians also do not think the state legislature should be involved in decisions around abortion, with 69% saying that the decision whether or not to have an abortion should be left to the woman and her doctor, as opposed to state lawmakers.

A majority (59%) also think South Carolina state lawmakers spend too much time focusing on abortion, while 60% say they do not spend enough time focusing on legislation to support South Carolina families such as increasing access to affordable housing, childcare, health care, and paid leave.

The survey also finds strong opposition to criminalizing women who get abortions and health care providers for providing abortion or care for miscarriages and other dangerous pregnancies:

- 64% of respondents oppose charging South Carolina women who have abortions with a felony, while just 31% are in support.
- 60% of respondents oppose charging a doctor who provides an abortion with a felony, with only 35% in support.
- 91% of respondents agree that doctors should be able to help their patients experiencing pregnancy complications and miscarriages without fear of being charged with a felony.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 636 South Carolina voters from July 1-2, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.