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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Generic Democratic Opponent Within Margin of Error v. McConnell Heading into 2020 Election

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A new Public Policy Polling survey of registered voters in Kentucky finds an unnamed Democratic challenger within the margin of error against Senator Mitch McConnell. McConnell gets 45% of the vote compared to 42% of voters who say they'd vote for his Democratic opponent. Just 32% say they think he deserves to be reelected, while 61% think it's time for someone new.

Key findings from the survey include:

- **There are signs Mitch McConnell is losing Trump voters.** Among people who voted for Trump in 2016, 36% disapprove of McConnell's job performance and 40% say they think it's time for someone new to hold his Senate seat.
- **Many who voted for McConnell in 2014 have soured on him.** Among people who voted for McConnell in 2014, 30% disapprove of his job performance and 32% say they think it's time for someone new to hold his Senate seat.
- **McConnell's standing in Kentucky among Republicans pales in comparison to Trump's.** Only 47% of Republicans approve of the job McConnell is doing, compared to 87% of Republicans who approve of Trump's job performance. 39% of Republicans disapprove of the job McConnell is doing while only 12% disapprove of Trump's job performance. Only 47% of Republicans think McConnell deserves to be reelected, and 44% of Republicans think it's time to elect someone new.

Public Policy Polling surveyed a sample of 748 registered voters in Kentucky via telephone on behalf of The Ditch Mitch Fund. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.6%.





Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 59%
Disapprove 37%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Regardless of how you might feel about him personally, do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell's job performance?

Approve 33%
Disapprove 56%
Not sure 11%

Q3 If the election for US Senate were held today, would you vote for Republican Mitch McConnell, or his Democratic opponent?

Mitch McConnell 45%
Democratic opponent 42%
Not sure 12%

Q4 Generally speaking, do you think Senator Mitch McConnell deserves to be re-elected, or do you think it's time for someone new?

Think Mitch McConnell deserves to be re-elected 32%
Think it is time for someone new 61%
Not sure 8%

Q5 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 61%
Hillary Clinton 31%
Someone else / Did not vote 8%

Q6 In the 2014 election for US Senate, did you vote for Republican Mitch McConnell, Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Mitch McConnell 50%
Alison Lundergan Grimes 37%
Someone else / Did not vote 13%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 46%
Republican 44%
Independent 11%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 88%
Other 12%

Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 30%
46 to 65 44%
Older than 65 26%

