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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Health Care a Key Issue for Montana; Voters Trust Bullock Over Daines to Protect Their Health Care

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds Steve Bullock leading Republican opponent Steve Daines in the Montana Senate race by 1 point (48-47). Health care is a key issue for a majority of Montanans, with 64% considering it either the most important issue or a very important issue—and voters do not trust Daines to protect them when it comes to health care coverage. Just 29% of voters who consider healthcare to be a key issue support Daines, while 67% support Bullock. Daines' positions on health care could cause him to lose further ground to Bullock.

- 49% of voters trust Bullock more to hold health insurance and pharmaceutical companies accountable, while just 41% trust Daines more.
- 48% trust Bullock more on the overall issue of healthcare, while only 42% trust Daines more.
- 48% trust Bullock more to protect healthcare for people with pre-existing conditions, while just 42% trust Daines more.

Meanwhile, a majority (54%) of Montana voters disapprove of the Trump administration's attempt to strike down the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the middle of a pandemic without any replacement. Just 36% think it should be struck down.

When voters hear that Daines voted five times to repeal the ACA, a plurality (46%) say they are less likely to support him in the election, while just 32% say they are more likely.

Additionally, voters express serious concerns over the consequences of striking down the ACA.

- 60% say that eliminating protections stopping insurance companies from denying coverage or raising the costs of care for 135 million Americans with pre-existing conditions is a major concern.
- 58% say that allowing insurance companies to stop covering the cost of prescription drugs is a major concern.
- 57% say they have major concerns about over twenty million Americans completely losing their health insurance coverage if the ACA is struck down

Public Policy Polling surveyed 886 Montana voters from October 26-27, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.





Montana Survey Results

Q1 If the election for President were held today, would you vote for Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump?

Joe Biden 47%
Donald Trump 49%
Not sure 4%

Q2 The candidates for US Senate this fall are Democrat Steve Bullock and Republican Steve Daines. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Steve Bullock 48%
Steve Daines 47%
Not sure 6%

Q3 How important is the issue of health care when deciding who to vote for in the US Senate race – is it the most important issue, a very important issue, a somewhat important issue, not that important an issue, or not an important issue at all?

Most important 22%
Very important 42%
Somewhat important 25%
Not that important 7%
Not important at all 3%
Not sure 1%

Q4 Who do you trust more on the issue of health care: Steve Bullock, or Steve Daines?

Trust Steve Bullock more 48%
Trust Steve Daines more 42%
Not sure 11%

Q5 Who do you trust more to hold health insurance and pharmaceutical companies accountable: Steve Bullock, or Steve Daines?

Trust Steve Bullock more 49%
Trust Steve Daines more 41%
Not sure 10%

Q6 Who do you trust more to protect healthcare for people with preexisting conditions: Steve Bullock, or Steve Daines?

Trust Steve Bullock more 48%
Trust Steve Daines more 42%
Not sure 10%

Q7 Steve Daines voted five times to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act. Does hearing this make you less likely or more likely to support Steve Daines, or does it not make a difference?

Less likely 46%
More likely 32%
It doesn't make a difference 18%
Not sure 4%

Q8 Despite the coronavirus crisis, the Trump administration is in court to strike down our entire health care law, known as the Affordable Care Act, without any replacement. Do you think our health care law should be struck down by the courts, or not?

Think it should be struck down 36%
Do not think it should be struck down 54%
Not sure 10%





Q9 Now I am going to read you a list of consequences that independent, nonpartisan analysts have identified could result from this court case striking down our health care laws, and then ask you whether you find that to be a major concern about the lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all. Here's the first one: striking down the health care law would allow insurance companies to stop covering the costs of prescription drugs. Is losing guaranteed coverage for the costs of prescription drugs a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

<i>Major concern</i>	58%
<i>Minor concern</i>	18%
<i>Not really a concern at all</i>	20%
<i>Not sure</i>	5%

Q10 Here's the next one: striking down the health care law would eliminate protections that stop insurance companies from denying coverage or raising the costs for 135 million Americans who have pre-existing medical conditions like cancer, diabetes, asthma, and coronavirus. Is this a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

<i>Major concern</i>	60%
<i>Minor concern</i>	16%
<i>Not really a concern at all</i>	20%
<i>Not sure</i>	3%

Q11 Here's the last one: striking down the health care law would mean over twenty million Americans would completely lose their health insurance coverage. Is this a major concern to you about this lawsuit, a minor concern, or not really a concern at all?

<i>Major concern</i>	57%
<i>Minor concern</i>	18%
<i>Not really a concern at all</i>	20%
<i>Not sure</i>	5%

Q12 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

<i>Donald Trump</i>	51%
<i>Hillary Clinton</i>	36%
<i>Someone else / Did not vote</i>	13%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	28%
<i>Republican</i>	37%
<i>Independent</i>	35%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	91%
<i>Other</i>	9%

Q16 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	34%
<i>46 to 65</i>	37%
<i>Older than 65</i>	29%

Q17 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

<i>High school graduate or less</i>	29%
<i>Some college but did not finish</i>	24%
<i>2-year college degree</i>	10%
<i>4-year college degree</i>	25%
<i>Post-graduate degree</i>	12%



Q18 Mode

Landline..... 50%
Text..... 50%