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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Remington Research Group

RE: VA-07 Survey

DATE: February 23, 2021

#### **KEY POLL FINDINGS**

The data in the latest polling conducted by Remington Research Group show that the early policy priorities of the Biden Administration and Congressional liberals are a flop among likely general election voters in Virginia's 7th Congressional District and could pose problems for Abigail Spanberger.

# POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

The data shows that VA-07 remains politically centrist and voters are looking for change. Democratic Governor Ralph Northam's image is upside down as 43% view him favorably and 48% view him unfavorably and the generic Congressional ballot favors a Republican by 3 points.

Q: What is your opinion of Ralph Northam?

Favorable: 43% Unfavorable: 48% No opinion: 9%

Q: If the 2022 General Election for United States Congress were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican: 48% Democrat: 45% Undecided: 7%

# **ISSUES/POLICY**

The survey of the district explored a multitude of different policy prorities in the new Biden Administration and of Congressional liberals to gauge voter sentiment. The policy topics ranged from school re-openings to COVID relief.

# Schools

On school re-openings, a majority, 55%, favor re-opening in-person instruction now, versus just 31% who would prefer waiting longer.



Q: Do you think Congress should pass legislation that encourages schools to safely reopen now *OR* should schools wait longer before resuming in-person instruction?

Reopen schools now: 55%

Schools should wait longer: 31%

Not sure: 14%

# COVID Relief

On COVID Relief, likely voters surveyed indicated they prefer Congress focus on a more targeted effort. Almost two thirds, 65%, believe Congress should only focus on the highest priorities like vaccine distribution and opening schools, while just 27% think Congress should "go big" and address priorities for the Biden Administration.

Q: Congress is set to vote on a bill to provide COVID relief in the coming weeks. Should Congress take this opportunity to go big and address many priority items for the Biden Administration, like bailing out state governments and extending benefits to illegal immigrants *OR* should the focus be a more targeted effort on only the highest priorities of COVID relief like vaccine distribution and opening schools?

Go big: 27%

Targeted items: 65%

Not sure: 8%

### HR 1

HR 1 was described to voters in detail and voters were asked if they would be more likely or less likely to support Congresswoman Spanberger if she were to support it. Almost two thirds of voters surveyed, 64%, stated they would be "less likely" to vote for Spanberger. Just 16% said they would be "more likely" to vote for the Congresswoman.

Q: Congress is set to vote on a bill that would allow Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger to spend upwards of \$5 million of public funds on things for her campaign like attack ads and luxury hotels. If she supported this bill, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for her?

More likely: 16% Less likely: 64% No difference: 20%

Voters were asked for their sentiment on election laws. Almost half, 47%, believe election laws should be made at the local level, while one third, 33%, believe election laws should be made at the federal level.



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Q: Are election laws better made nationally by Congress *OR* are election laws better made locally by your state legislature and county officials?

Nationally: 33% Locally: 47% Not sure: 20%

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Survey conducted February 20 through February 22, 2022 on behalf of the American Action Network. 804 likely 2022 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2022 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-3.3% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding. The survey was conducted by phone to both landlines and cell phones. 41% of respondents identified as Democrats, 38% identified as Republicans and 21% identified as Independents.