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A new Public Policy Polling survey of Alabama voters finds more opposition to the Republican tax plan than support in a state that had the sixth strongest level of support for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election. While this survey was conducted prior to the special election held on December 12, it was not intended to predict the special election outcome, but to reflect the electorate that turned out this past Tuesday. As such, the results have been weighted by gender, race, party, and age breakdowns from the exit poll to reflect the demographics of the electorate.

Just 38 percent of Alabama voters express support for the tax plan being considered in Congress, compared to 44 percent who are opposed. Moreover, among the 45 percent of voters who have heard, seen, or read “a lot” about the plan, opposition to the tax proposal rises to 50 percent compared to just 43 percent who are supportive. This is similar to other recent polls released this month in Congressional districts showing that the more voters learn more about the tax plan, the more they hate it. And, these voters who also knew “a lot” about the tax plan also voted for Doug Jones over Roy Moore by a 51 percent to 44 percent margin.

In addition, Alabamians are less likely to support the tax plan when learning of particular provisions of the legislation, including:

- Repealing the requirement that individuals have health insurance, resulting in a 10 percent increase in premiums next year and reducing the number of insured individuals by 13 million over 10 years (47 percent less likely to support);
- Increasing the national debt by \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years (54 percent less likely to support);
- Triggering a \$25 billion cut to Medicare (54 percent less likely to support); and,
- Raising taxes on 11 million households making under \$200,000 by 2019 and rising to 83 million households by 2027 (56 percent less likely to support).

Furthermore, Alabama voters also see the wealthy and large corporations as the biggest beneficiaries of the plan. 53 percent think they will benefit more from the tax plan, while just 35 percent think that the middle class and small businesses will benefit.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 1,092 voters in Alabama from December 7-8, 2017 on behalf of Not One Penny. While the survey was conducted prior to the election, weighting was applied to reflect the demographics of the electorate that turned out in the December 12 special election. The margin of error is +/- 3.0%. This poll was conducted with automated telephone interviews.

