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Subject: **Voters in VA-10 Express Opposition to the GOP Tax Plan; Are Less Likely to Vote for Barbara Comstock**
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A new Public Policy Polling survey in Virginia's 10th Congressional District finds broad opposition to the House tax plan and its individual provisions. 58 percent of VA-10 voters are opposed to the tax plan recently passed by the House (including 47 percent who strongly oppose the plan) while just 40 percent are supportive (only 21 percent strongly support). Moreover, among the 60 percent of voters who have heard, seen, or read "a lot" about the plan, opposition to the tax proposal rises to 66 percent compared to just 34 percent who are supportive. The more voters are paying attention to the tax plan, the more they hate it.

In addition, individual provisions of the tax plan are just as, if not more, opposed by voters in VA-10, including:

- Reducing the tax rate on corporations from 35 percent to 20 percent (42 percent support – 49 percent oppose);
- Eliminating the estate tax on estates valued at \$5.5 million for individuals and \$11 million for married couples (32 percent support – 58 percent oppose);
- Eliminating the ability to deduct for state and local taxes paid from federal income tax (25 percent support – 62 percent oppose); and,
- Paying for the tax plan by increasing the national debt by \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years (20 percent support – 70 percent oppose).

Furthermore, most VA-10 voters believe the wealthiest Americans would be the top beneficiaries of this tax plan – 63 percent think the wealthiest households would benefit more, while just 30 percent think the middle class will benefit more. Additionally, 62 percent would be less likely to support the tax plan when informed that passage would trigger a \$25 billion cut to Medicare.

Finally, looking ahead to next year's midterm elections, a generic Democratic opponent already leads Congresswoman Comstock in a hypothetical 2018 election matchup by 7 percentage points (48 percent to 41 percent), but her vote for the tax bill further hinders her likelihood to win re-election: 54 percent say they are less likely to vote for her because she supported this legislation.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 542 voters in Virginia's 10th Congressional District from November 27-28, 2017 on behalf of Not One Penny. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. This poll was conducted with automated telephone interviews.