

# MEMORANDUM



To: Interested Parties  
From: Samantha Zaleski, TargetPoint Consulting  
Date: October 23, 2018  
Re: Congressional District Polling Numbers

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TargetPoint Consulting conducted polling in the following eight districts: CA-45, CO-06, NY-21, OH-16, PA-01, TX-02, VA-05, and VA-10. Results from polling in these districts show tight contests as we enter the final two weeks of the campaign. Below are notable key findings in each of the districts.

## Key Findings

**Republican candidates lead in five districts and tied in one.** In NY-21, Elise Stefanik leads by 10 points on a named ballot against Cobbs. 50% of voters are supporting Stefanik, while 40% are supporting Democratic candidate Tedra Cobbs. Both OH-16 and TX-02 show a Republican lead of 9 points. In OH-16 Anthony Gonzales has 48% of the vote and Susan Moran Palmer has 39% of the vote. In TX-02, the ballot test included named third party Libertarian and Independent candidates – results here show Dan Crenshaw has 49% of the vote to Todd Litton's 40% and third party candidates are capturing approximately 3% of the vote with 8% of voters undecided. In Mimi Walter's district, CA-45, she has an 8-point lead over Katie Porter on the ballot. Denver Riggleman leads by 5 points in VA-05 over Leslie Cockburn – capturing 48% of the vote. In VA-10, the results show a tied race between Barbara Comstock and Jennifer Wexton with the ballot at 47%-47%.

**Republicans trail in PA-01 and CO-06, but the races are close.** Results in the Clinton-leaning district PA-01 show Brian Fitzpatrick within 4 points of Scott Wallace. 45% of voters support Fitzpatrick compared with 49% who currently support Wallace. Independents are still in play here for persuasion – a group where Fitzpatrick trails by 6. Fitzpatrick is trailing among those who are extremely likely to vote but leads with voters who say they have already cast their ballot 54%-46%. Mike Coffman trails by 5 points in CO-6 to Democratic candidate Jason Crow. Coffman has 43% of the vote to Crow's 48% and trails among those extremely likely to vote. Coffman is capturing more support among those who have already voted – the ballot among those voters is 54%-46%.

**The President's favorability is positive in a majority of the districts.** Five out of the eight districts show voters with a net-positive rating of the President. Districts where the President has overall positive numbers track with where Republican candidates are leading in the district including NY-21, OH-16, TX-02, CA-45 and VA-05. The President's numbers are strongest in OH-16 and TX-02 where 50% and 51% of voters have a favorable opinion of him respectively. In VA-10 where the ballot is tied 45% of voters have a favorable opinion compared with 50% with an unfavorable opinion. A majority of 53% of the voters in PA-01 and CO-06 have an unfavorable opinion of the President.

**Voters are strongly rebuking Nancy Pelosi.** Not a single district survey showed Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi with positive favorability numbers. A majority or plurality of voters in every district have an unfavorable opinion of her including 55% of voters in Ohio's 16<sup>th</sup> congressional district and 53% of voters in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district. Her most favorable district, PA-01, shows her underwater by 5 points with 45% who have an unfavorable opinion, and 40% with a favorable opinion. Voters with an unfavorable opinion of Pelosi are choosing Republican candidates more than 3 to 1.

**Healthcare and Immigration are top issues.** Voters were asked which issue was the most important in deciding their vote and six of the districts surveyed showed healthcare as their most important issue. Two of the districts had immigration as the top issue for voters. In TX-02 Immigration and Healthcare tied as the most important issue. The below chart shows the top two issues in each district.

|              | <b>Top Issue</b>   | <b>Second Issue</b>                      |
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| <b>NY-21</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Gun Control</b>                       |
| <b>OH-16</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Jobs &amp; Economic Opportunities</b> |
| <b>TX-02</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Immigration</b>                       |
| <b>CA-45</b> | <b>Immigration</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>                        |
| <b>VA-05</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Jobs/Immigration</b>                  |
| <b>VA-10</b> | <b>Immigration</b> | <b>Healthcare/Gun Control</b>            |
| <b>PA-01</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Jobs/Immigration</b>                  |
| <b>CO-06</b> | <b>Healthcare</b>  | <b>Jobs/Immigration</b>                  |

### **Survey**

TargetPoint Consulting conducted polling in the following 8 districts: CO-06, CA-45, OH-16, VA-05, NY-21, PA-01, TX-02, and VA-10. This survey conducted among likely voters was in the field from October 14-16. Surveys were commissioned by a variety of clients of TargetPoint consulting who do not wish to be disclosed.