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RE: ILLINOIS CD 17 SURVEY: KEY FINDINGS

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Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey of 400 likely voters in the 17th Congressional District of Illinois. The survey was conducted October 4-6 with 50% of interviews conducted with landline respondents and 50% conducted with cell phone respondents. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 4.9\%$

Key Findings

1. ***Esther Joy King has closed the gap significantly since July and put Cheri Bustos in danger of defeat.***

After trailing Cheri Bustos by double-digits in July, Esther Joy King is now just six points behind, and Bustos is under 50% of the vote (42% King/48% Bustos). King also has more room to increase her support, as she currently garners 81% of the vote among Republicans, compared to Bustos winning 90% of the vote with Democrats.

2. ***Undecided voters also favor the Republican challenger.***

Eight percent (8%) of voters remain undecided, and these voters lean Republican. Forty-one percent (41%) of undecided voters are Republicans, 34% are Independents, and only 12% are Democrats.

These voters do not like Bustos (9% favorable/28% unfavorable) and are backing the President at the top of the ticket (47% Trump/19% Biden).

3. ***The President has seen little erosion of his support in this district.***

After narrowly beating Hillary Clinton in this district (47.4% Trump/46.7% Clinton), the President now trails Joe Biden by just one point (44% Trump/45% Biden).