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To: Interested Parties
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Re: Findings From Battleground District Surveys On Reconciliation Bill
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The following memo outlines key findings from three surveys of voters conducted in IA-03, NJ-07, and VA-02 commissioned by American Action Network, following the reconciliation mark-up process. We believe these districts are emblematic of swing districts elsewhere. The surveys in IA-03 and VA-02 were conducted by Meeting Street and the survey in NJ-07 by American Viewpoint. Each of these surveys were completed September 18-21, 2021, among N=400 registered voters with a mix of cell phone and landlines. Margin of error for each study is ±4.9%.

1. **Even after voters in these districts are presented with Congressional Democrats' talking points about what they say the bill will do, a majority in all three Congressional districts still oppose it.**

   "As you may know, President Biden and the Democrats in Congress have proposed a $3.5 trillion bill that they say would strengthen the social safety net, invest in climate policy, expand Medicare, childcare and paid leave, create universal pre-K and make incentives for green energy adoption. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose Congress passing this $3.5 trillion bill?"

	Oppose	Favor	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Favor
IA-03	51%	46%	43%	32%
NJ-07	51%	46%	42%	33%
VA-02	52%	47%	46%	33%

   Of note, the percentage of voters who **strongly oppose** the bill is considerably higher than those who strongly favor it. In fact, there are nearly as many voters who strongly oppose it as favor it overall. Moreover, independent voters in all three districts oppose the bill by double digit margins.

2. **Key elements and details from this bill are toxic and voters overwhelmingly oppose them.**

   "I would now like to read you several aspects of this spending bill and have you tell me whether you favor or oppose each…"

	IA-03	NJ-07	VA-02
Increase taxes on the majority of small businesses in the country.	81% oppose 14% favor	87% oppose 10% favor	81% oppose 15% favor
$200 million for a park in Nancy Pelosi's district	72% oppose 18% favor	77% oppose 16% favor	75% oppose 18% favor
Over $4 billion in tax credits to private universities like Harvard and Yale.	75% oppose 20% favor	76% oppose 20% favor	74% oppose 20% favor

Tax breaks for the purchase of electric vehicles with parts that are only produced in China.	73% oppose 24% favor	72% oppose 25% favor	77% oppose 20% favor
Tax breaks to newspapers for every reporter they hire	64% oppose 29% favor	70% oppose 23% favor	65% oppose 26% favor

3. **Strong majorities of voters in these districts already believe that the bill will hurt working families by inflating the already skyrocketing cost of living to give government handouts to liberal elites and the wealthy.**

   "After $6 trillion in spending for COVID relief and infrastructure, inflation is already hurting our economy. Prices for groceries, gas and everyday items are skyrocketing and we can't afford to increase the cost of living further with another $3.5 trillion in wasteful spending."

	Agree	Disagree
IA-03	64%	35%
NJ-07	59%	38%
VA-02	60%	38%

BOTTOM LINE:

The Democratic tax and spending bill will undoubtedly be a problem for the Members who support it. Not only will this further increase costs for all Americans, lower wages and increase taxes on a majority of small businesses, but the money is being spent on the wrong priorities. Rather than helping the middle class, this bill prioritizes a park in Speaker Pelosi's district, tax credits for liberal elite universities and handouts for millionaires who buy luxury vehicles.