

**To: Interested Parties**

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**Subject: New Survey -- Majority of voters in Maine and Alaska do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned**

As the U.S. Senate considers Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States, a new survey conducted in Maine and Alaska by Clarity Campaign Labs on behalf of Planned Parenthood Action Fund shows that **voters in both states strongly oppose overturning *Roe v. Wade*, want to preserve the Affordable Care Act, and would think less of Senators who voted for a Supreme Court nominee who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*.** The survey was conducted between July 3rd and July 9th, using live calls to landlines and cell phones of registered voters in Alaska and Maine. In Alaska, the sample included 597 people, and the margin of error is +/- 3.29% at a 95% confidence interval. In Maine, the sample included 750 people, and the margin of error is +/- 3.24% at a 95% confidence interval.

**The survey finds that voters across party lines strongly support *Roe v. Wade* and do not want to see it overturned.** In Maine, 68% of voters across party lines do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned. That includes 84% of Democrats, 46% of Republicans (and 53% of Republican women), and 71% of Independents. In Alaska, 63% of voters across party lines do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned. That includes 98% of Democrats, 32% of Republicans, and 72% of Independents.

**Voters would have a less favorable view of incumbent Senators if they vote for a nominee who would favor overturning *Roe*.** Forty-five percent of Maine voters and 42% of Alaska voters would have a less favorable view of their Senator. Around half of women in both of those states would have a less favorable view (48% of women in Maine, 51% of women in Alaska). Sixty percent of African American voters in Maine and 50% of African American voters in Alaska would have a less favorable view. Voters would even be less favorable towards their Senator if they vote for a nominee whose position on *Roe v. Wade* was unclear: more than half would be less favorable in Maine and nearly one-third would be less favorable in Alaska.

**Voters in Maine and Alaska are fired up about protecting *Roe v. Wade* and are ready to take action -- with a majority of voters in each state identifying a desire to take civic action to promote their views on *Roe v. Wade*.** Sixty-four percent of Maine voters would take some sort of action, including writing a letter to the editor, signing a petition, contacting their representative, attending a rally, donating to an organization that supports their views, contacting other voters or posting on social media. That number is even higher in Alaska, with 69% of voters willing to take some sort of action. These numbers are high compared to the typical rate of engagement. More than half of pro-choice voters in Maine and Alaska say they'd do something to make sure that access to safe and legal abortions is protected and their Senators can expect to hear from them in the coming weeks.