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Subject: Majority of Virginia Voters Oppose “Big Beautiful Bill,” Have Strong Concerns About Cuts to Medicaid and Prefer a Candidate for Governor Who Opposes the Bill

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 54% of Virginia voters oppose the “Big Beautiful Bill” recently passed by Congress, while just 35% support it. Among independent voters the divide is even more stark, with 59% opposing the bill and just 23% supporting it.

The bill is tipped to have a key impact in this year’s Governor’s race as well, with 53% of voters saying they’d prefer a Governor who opposes the bill while just 37% say they’d prefer a Governor who supports it.

A key driver of unhappiness with the bill involves cuts to Medicaid: 56% of voters say that cuts to Medicaid and SNAP to pay for tax cuts for the rich gives them very serious concerns about the bill; just 32% of voters say this gives them no real concerns.

55% of voters said the fact that Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears supports the budget bill saying: ‘The bill, as you know now, does so many great things’ – despite the bill including cuts to Medicaid that could strip health care away from over 320,000 Virginians gives them very serious concerns, with just 33% saying it gives them no real concerns.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- 53% of voters say they think the bill will make life in Virginia worse while just 29% say they think it will make life better. Among independent voters, 59% say they think it will make life worse while only 18% say they think it will make life better.
- 55% of voters disapprove of President Trump’s job performance compared to just 38% who approve.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 582 registered voters in Virginia from July 9-10. The survey’s margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 57% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 43% by telephone.

