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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Voters Support Confirming Biden’s Nominee to Supreme Court to Replace Breyer Quickly, Fairly, and Without Delays

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that, in light of Justice Stephen Breyer’s announced retirement, American voters support confirming President Biden’s pick for the United States Supreme Court by a 42-point margin. A majority (64%) think the Senate should confirm a qualified nominee, while just 22% disagree. In addition, it is also important for voters that the confirmation is carried out quickly and fairly. By a 35-point margin (61-26), voters say the Senate should confirm the nominee without delays.

Voters across several key demographics overwhelmingly support the Senate quickly confirming a qualified nominee to the Supreme Court:

- Independents are in support by a 57-point margin (72-15).
- Voters across all age groups support moving without delay: those between the ages of 18 and 45 by a 29-point margin (60-31), voters between the ages of 16 and 65 by a 44-point margin (64-20), and seniors over 65 by a 27-point margin (55-28).

When it comes to trust in the Supreme Court, voters trust Democrats more than Republicans by 6-points (48-42), despite President Biden’s approval being underwater by 9-points. On the other hand, the American people overwhelmingly disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell by a 52-point margin—just 16% approve of his job performance, while 68% disapprove.

During his presidential campaign, President Biden promised to nominate the first Black woman to the Supreme Court, and voters think he should keep this promise by a 17-point margin (48-31). This is a key issue for both women (50-28) and Black voters (92-4), and earns support across all age groups: voters over 65 (54-32), voters between the ages of 46 and 65 (50-30), and voters between the ages of 18 and 45 (43-30).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 662 national registered voters on behalf of Demand Justice from January 28-29, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.