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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Virginia Voters Support Elected Officials Who Advance Pro-Choice Legislation**

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A new survey by Public Policy Polling finds that the majority of voters (68%) believe that, should complications arise later in pregnancy that put the life or health of a woman at risk, a doctor should be able to determine if the pregnancy should end in order to prevent risking the woman's life or health. Only 20% of voters oppose this.

A large majority (72%) of Virginia voters also believe that abortion should be legal, compared to only 25% who believe that abortion should be illegal. Of those who believe it should be legal, a plurality (40%) personally support a woman's right to abortion and believe it should be legal and available, while another 32% believe the government should not prevent a woman from making that decision for herself.

Key findings from the survey include:

- 75% of Virginia voters agree that a woman who faces geographical or financial barriers should be able to get the care she needs throughout pregnancy.
- 70% of Virginians think a woman should be able to make the decision to end a pregnancy endangering her life or health.
- 61% of Virginians do not think a woman should be forced to carry a pregnancy to term if her doctor has indicated that the fetus will not survive or the baby, once born, would not survive.
- A majority (51%) of Virginians are more likely to support an elected official who worked to advance legislation that would expand access to abortion at different points in pregnancy.

PPP surveyed 697 Virginia voters from February 12-13, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. The polls were conducted by automated telephone interviews on behalf of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

