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Subject: Peters out to biggest lead yet in Michigan Senate race, Governor's race tied

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Public Policy Polling's newest Michigan survey finds Gary Peters taking his biggest lead in the race to date, leaving the election night drama in the state for the Governor's race which we find all tied up with less than two weeks to go.

Key findings from the survey include:

-Gary Peters now leads Terri Lynn Land by 14 points, 53/39. He has doubled the 7 point lead he held in a PPP survey of the state three weeks ago. 19% of Republicans now say they're going to vote for Peters, an exceptional amount of crossover support these days, and beyond that he has a 47/39 advantage with independent voters. Peters has proven to be a popular candidate, with his net favorability rating now coming in at +9 with 45% of voters seeing him positively to 36% who have a negative opinion.

-Terri Lynn Land has proven to be an exceptionally unpopular candidate. Just 35% of voters have a favorable opinion of her to 52% with a negative one. Her favorability with independents stands at 30/55.

-One thing that hasn't done Land any favors is her statements questioning the scientific evidence about the cause of climate change- voters say that makes them less likely to support her by nearly a 3:1 margin. Just 14% say her skepticism makes them more likely to vote for her, while 40% say it makes them less likely to vote for her, making it an issue that hurts her by a net 26 points.

-While the Senate race doesn't offer much drama, the Governor's race couldn't be any closer. Rick Snyder and Mark Schauer are now knotted at 48%. Snyder had held a small advantage on PPP's previous three polls of the race. Both candidates are getting 82% of the vote from within their own parties, an indication that Democrats have unified around Schauer as he's increased his name recognition in the closing stretch of the campaign.

PPP interviewed 723 likely voters on October 20th and 21st. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 3.6%. This survey was conducted on behalf of LCV Victory Fund.

