

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
DATE: August 2nd, 2017
RE: **POLL RESULTS — Constituents in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District Broadly Oppose Cuts to EPA and Clean Energy Funding**

President Trump’s proposed cuts to EPA funding and cuts to funding for programs that develop new clean energy technologies are as unpopular as the Republican health care bill, and constituents in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District say they would be less favorable to Congresswoman Barbara Comstock if she supported these proposals.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group’s recent poll of 405 registered voters in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District are as follows:

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- **Trump’s proposed cuts to EPA are broadly unpopular with the district’s constituents.** An overwhelming majority of constituents (59%) oppose Trump’s proposed cuts to EPA funding, including a near-majority (47%) who strongly oppose the proposed cuts. Opposition to these proposed cuts exceeds even constituents’ opposition to the deeply unpopular Republican health care plan (54% oppose, including 44% who strongly oppose).

Question text: “Do you support or oppose President Trump’s proposal to cut funding of the US Environmental Protection Agency by 31%?”

- **Funding cuts to programs that develop clean energy technology are especially unpopular, and supported by little more than a third of Republicans in the district.** Cuts to these programs are opposed by more than six in ten constituents (62%), including 47% who say they strongly oppose the cuts. Just one in five supports the cuts (20%), including only a third of Republicans (36%). Independents oppose the cuts to these programs by a margin of 25 points (22% support/47% oppose).

Question text: “Do you support or oppose President Trump’s proposal to cut funding by 70% for programs that develop new clean energy technologies?”

- **Near-majorities of constituents say they would be less favorable to Barbara Comstock if she supported either of these proposals.** 47% of constituents say they would be less favorable to Comstock if she supported Trump’s proposed cuts to EPA (including 37% who say they would be much less favorable) and 49% would be less favorable if she supported cuts to funding for programs that develop clean energy technology (including 38% much less favorable). Comstock, whose opposition to the Republican health care plan has been described as a pragmatic move to help secure her re-election next year, should also side with her constituents and oppose cuts to EPA funding and funding for programs that develop clean energy technology.

- **Comstock's constituents want her to hold a public town hall meeting this summer.** Seven in ten (71%) feel Comstock should hold a public town hall meeting this summer, including 63% of Republicans and 72% of independents who feel she should hold a town hall meeting.

ABOUT THIS POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey from July 13-19, 2017 with 405 registered voters in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. The results have a margin of error of +/-4.9%, and care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on voter registration statistics.