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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Voters Overwhelmingly Support Major Reforms to the Supreme Court

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A national poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling on behalf of End Citizens United/Let America Vote, showed that voters have an overwhelmingly negative opinion of the Supreme Court, believe there should be repercussions for Justice Thomas' ethics violations, and strongly support reforms to make the court more transparent, ethical, and responsive to the American people.

Key findings from the survey include:

Opinion of the Court

- **A majority of voters don't have trust or confidence in the Supreme Court**, and an overwhelming amount—66%—were “very concerned” about the upcoming decisions the Supreme Court may make.
 - Notably, 58% of independent voters said they had little or no trust in the Supreme Court, and 67% of independents were very concerned about upcoming Supreme Court decisions.
 - Even 52% of Trump voters very concerned about upcoming decisions.
 - These sentiments were particularly pronounced among younger voters (aged 18-45). 92% of those voters were very or somewhat concerned about upcoming decisions.
- **57% of voters believe the Supreme Court's decisions in recent years have restricted individual rights and freedoms**, rather than expanding them.
 - 58% of independents thought that the Supreme Court was restricting individual rights and freedoms.
- **64% of voters believed that the Supreme Court made decisions based on the influence of special interests and their own political ideology**, rather than on a fair and impartial interpretation of the law.
 - This included 82% of Democrats, 43% of Republicans, and 66% of independents.
 - This was also the case across generations, with over 60% of all age groups believing the Supreme Court made decisions based on special interest influence and ideology.



Repercussions for Justice Thomas

- Voters feel that there should be strong repercussions for Justice Clarence Thomas' ethical violations, with 74% believing he should face some sort of penalty or reprimand. Nearly half of voters believe he should be removed from office.

Reforms for the Court

- A huge majority of voters—80%—said they would support requiring organizations that spend money to influence judicial decisions to disclose their largest donors.
 - This included 72% of Republicans and 79% of independents.
 - 75% of Trump voters said they would support requiring disclosure.
- 67% of voters believe a public code of ethics and a method for investigating violations would restore trust in the Supreme Court.
 - This included 59% of independents.
- Voters also believe that there should be consequences when a Supreme Court Justice violates ethics rules.
 - 53% of voters believe that an independent ethics commission should investigate ethics violations, rather than Congress or the Supreme Court itself.
 - 74% of voters think at least some of a Justice's decisions should be reviewed and possibly overturned if that Justice committed an ethics violation. Only 15% of voters believed that no decisions should be reviewed or overturned in light of an ethics violation.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 630 voters nationally on April 18th and 19th with a margin of error of +/-3.9%. 50% of the interviews were conducted by phone and 50% were conducted by text.