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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Republican Senator Joni Ernst is vulnerable to Democratic challenger Theresa Greenfield. Fewer than 50 percent of Iowa voters support Ernst's reelection with her current support at 47% to 41% for Greenfield.

Independent voters are evenly divided, with Ernst at 41% and Greenfield at 40%. Voters are also closely divided on Senator Ernst's favorability; 45% of voters hold a favorable opinion and 43% hold an unfavorable opinion, within the margin of error.

After hearing about the recent AP investigation, which found Senator Ernst arranged for dark money to benefit her campaign, her support for reelection drops to only 40%, with opponent Theresa Greenfield rising to 45%. The news that Ernst broke anti-corruption laws is especially damaging because a majority of Iowans (53%) believe politicians work for their corporate donors most of the time.

Iowa remains a closely divided state, with President Trump within the margin of error against a generic Democratic opponent, trailing (49-47). Senator Mitch McConnell is viewed unfavorably by a strong plurality of Iowans (48%).

PPP surveyed 944 Iowa voters from December 13-15, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 3.2%. The survey was conducted by telephone.

