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To: Interested Parties

Fr: End Citizens United and ALG Research

Re: Poll Finds TX-21 Congressional Race Highly Competitive

- **The race for Texas's 21st Congressional District is highly competitive.** A recently completed poll of likely voters in Texas's 21st Congressional District from End Citizens United shows Democrat Wendy Davis and Republican Chip Roy tied at 46%. Independents in the district are also split, with 42% supporting each candidate.
- **Biden's 1-point lead is further evidence of the competitiveness of this race.** This district is moving towards Democrats. Mitt Romney won it by 22 points but Donald Trump won it by just 10 and now voters rate his job performance negatively by a 3-point margin (48% positive / 51% negative). Independents are especially critical of Trump, rating him negatively by 25 points (37% positive / 62% negative). Trump's negative ratings have created an opening for Democrats, with Joe Biden now leading in the presidential race by 1-point (48% Biden / 47% Trump) and by 15 points with Independents (52% Biden / 37% Trump).
- **Incumbent Congressman Chip Roy is vulnerable.** Roy is a first term Congressman who won by just 2 points in 2018, earns a tepid net 5-point net positive job rating, and is still unknown to 42% of voters (58% name ID).
- **There is broad dissatisfaction with the current direction of the country.** Voters here believe the country is headed in the wrong direction by 21-point margin (36% right direction / 57% wrong direction), creating headwinds for Republicans. Among Independents, the level of dissatisfaction is even higher, as they believe the country is on the wrong track by 27 points (32% right direction / 59% wrong direction).
- **Messaging focused on how Roy sides with his corporate campaign donors rather than regular Texans allows Davis to take the lead.** After voters hear a series of messages highlighting Roy's ties to corporate special interests, Democrat Wendy Davis pulls ahead by 4 points (49% Davis / 45% Roy).

These results are based on a poll of n=500 likely voters in Texas's 21st Congressional District conducted from August 15 – August 20, 2020 by ALG Research. The survey was conducted over the phone, with 65% of interviews conducted via cell phone. The expected margin of sampling error at the 95% confidence level is $\pm 4.4\%$