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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Feehan Tied With Incumbent Hagedorn in Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Race**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey conducted on behalf of End Citizens United finds Democrat Dan Feehan tied with incumbent Representative Jim Hagedorn 41-41 in Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, with 18% of voters still undecided. After voters hear more information about the candidates, including Hagedorn's support from pharmaceutical companies and corporate PACs and his violations of ethics rules, Feehan takes a 5 point lead over Hagedorn, 44-39.

Prior to hearing any other information about the candidates, voters are largely divided in opinion on Hagedorn, with 36% holding a favorable opinion and 35% holding an unfavorable opinion, while just under a third (29%) are unsure. While Feehan is much more unknown, with nearly half (45%) unsure whether or not they view him favorably, he has net positive favorability by 8 points (32-24).

Other key findings in the survey include:

- 59% of voters are concerned about Hagedorn paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to businesses, at least one of which his official staff had a financial stake in. Among these, a plurality (46%) are very concerned. Just 29% overall are not concerned at all.
- Independents view Feehan much more favorably than Hagedorn: 40% view him favorably while just 12% view him unfavorably. In comparison, Hagedorn is underwater by 20 points with independents, 24-44.
- Feehan leads Hagedorn by 31 points among independents (55-24).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 885 Minnesota 1st Congressional District voters from September 10-11, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 53% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 47% by text message.

