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To: Interested Parties

Subject: West Virginia Voters Are Concerned About Dark Money And Attempts To Make It Harder To Vote; Support Reforming Senate Rules To Pass The Freedom To Vote Act

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A new poll in West Virginia, conducted by Public Policy Polling on behalf of End Citizens United/Let America Vote Action Fund, shows that West Virginians are deeply concerned about the state of our democracy, and support passing the Freedom to Vote Act.

KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- West Virginians are keenly aware of how dark money special interests poison our democracy. 75% of voters—including 71% of Trump voters, 73% of Republicans and 64% of Independents—believed that ending special interest dark money in politics would make elections more fair and make Congress more effective at delivering for everyday West Virginians. And when asked to choose from a list of the biggest problem facing American democracy, a plurality of voters chose “special interest dark money corrupting our politics and deciding elections.”
- 50% of voters—including 40% of Republicans— supported reforming Senate rules in order to get dark money out of politics and protect the freedom to vote.
- West Virginians are also troubled by efforts in states to make it harder to vote and ensure those votes are counted fairly and accurately, with 58% of voters saying they were concerned about this.
- After hearing a description of the Freedom to Vote Act, 61% of West Virginians said they supported the legislation.
 - This included 57% of Republicans and 50% of Independents.
 - Description: “The Freedom to Vote Act, which is currently being discussed in the U.S. Senate, is voting and elections legislation that ends dark money, stops partisan gerrymandering, thwarts election sabotage, and protects the freedom to vote for all Americans.”
- By a 16-point margin (43%-27%), West Virginians would be more likely to vote for a senator that supported passing the Freedom to Vote Act than less likely.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 554 West Virginia voters from January 10-11, 2022. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 4.2%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

