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PERSONAL PAC RELEASES NEW STATEWIDE POLL

Governor Rauner wrong about voters' views on abortion

Chicago...Today, Personal PAC released the results of a statewide poll it recently conducted showing that Governor Rauner is completely out of step with the vast majority of Illinois voters on the issue of abortion.

73% percent of Illinois voters believe abortion should be a private decision between a woman and her doctor versus 20% who do not, making the margin of difference 53%. 7% were not sure. Among these voters, 58% of them are Republicans, 86% are Hispanic/Latino, 71% are White, and 83% are African American, with strong support across all age groups, 85% of 18-29 year-olds and 70% of those older than 65. Of people living outside the Collar Counties & Chicago/Cook County, 65% agree with this statement versus 27% who disagree.

On the question of whether Governor Rauner should protect the reproductive health care of ALL women, 64% agree and 24% disagree, with 12% undecided. 47% of Republicans agree as do 75% of Hispanic/Latinos, 60% of White voters and 74% of African Americans, 57% of those older than 65.

One of the most encouraging and fascinating results is that among 18-25 year-olds, 83% agree that Governor Rauner should protect the reproductive rights of ALL women which is almost identical to the 85% who believe abortion should be safe and legal in Illinois. This age cohort clearly understands that being pro-choice means supporting access for all women and their families. Translation: A choice without the means to exercise that choice is meaningless.

On the question of being more or less likely to vote for Governor Rauner if he DOES NOT PROTECT the reproductive health care of ALL women, 46% are less

likely to vote for him while 20% are more likely to vote for him, with 28% making no difference and 5% not sure. 21% of Republicans and 47% of Independent voters are less likely to vote for him when asked this question.

Only 35% of Republicans would be more likely to vote for him and to 39% of Republicans it makes no difference. Among all Republicans on this question, fully 64% are either less likely to vote for Governor Rauner (21%), it doesn't make a difference (39%), or they are not sure (4%).

43% of voters living outside the Collar Counties and Cook County/Chicago are less likely to vote for Rauner if he doesn't support the reproductive rights of all women.

Men and women are equally supportive of abortion rights and access for all women. 75% of men and 72% of women want abortion to be legal in Illinois. 65% of women and 63% of men think Governor Rauner should act to protect all women. 48% of women and 45% of men are less likely to vote for Governor Rauner if he does not act to protect the reproductive health care of all women.

The results of this poll make it abundantly clear that Governor Rauner is on the wrong side of every demographic in the State of Illinois on the issue of abortion rights and access to reproductive health care for all women.

Yesterday, Governor Rauner stated that he will veto HB 40 because the issue is "too 'divisive' and 'controversial.'" However, this poll points to the truth: Governor Rauner is the one who is too divisive and controversial; not the protections for women contained in HB 40 that he now opposes. It would be quite simple for Governor Rauner to take all that "focus" he has and spend just five seconds of his valuable time to place his signature on HB 40 to make it the law in Illinois.

Signing HB 40 is what the people of Illinois want Governor Rauner to do and expect of him, not only in this poll, but what he promised to do in writing in 2014 by stating, "As Governor I will work for equal access to contraception and abortion services." "I dislike the law that restricts abortion coverage under the state Medicaid plan and state employees' health insurance because I believe it

unfairly restricts access based on income. I would support a legislative effort to reverse that law.”

The people of Illinois agree with your 2014 statement Governor Rauner. HB 40 is the “legislative effort to reverse that law.”

The poll was conducted by Public Policy Polling April 17-18, 2017 among 855 registered voters statewide. 80% of the respondents were reached by land line phones and 20% were cell phone users.