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Subject: Independent Voters Oppose Barr for Attorney General if He Doesn't Commit to Releasing Mueller Findings and Allowing Mueller to Complete Investigation Without Interference

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A new national Public Policy Polling survey of registered voters finds that voters, including independent voters, want their Senators to oppose William Barr's nomination as Attorney General if he doesn't make a public commitment to allow Special Counsel Robert Mueller to release his findings publicly, and they especially think Barr should not be confirmed if he doesn't make a specific public commitment to allow Mueller to complete his investigation without any interference. Underpinning voters concerns are the fact that Barr has made public statements criticizing the investigation and downplayed evidence that Trump has obstructed justice. A huge bipartisan majority of voters, 82%, say that Mueller's report should be made available for the public to read when it is complete.

Key findings from the survey include:

- **Voters want their Senators to vote against confirming Barr as Attorney General unless public commitments are given regarding the Mueller investigation.** 53% of voters say they want their Senator to vote against Barr, including 76% of independents, if he doesn't make a public commitment to allow Special Counsel Robert Mueller to release his findings publicly. And 58% of voters say that Barr should not be confirmed if he doesn't make a specific public commitment to allow Robert Mueller to complete his investigation without any interference, including 63% of independents.
- **A majority of voters don't think President Trump should be allowed to handpick the person who oversees the Mueller investigation.** 68% of voters, including 76% of independents, agree with the statement: President Trump should not be allowed to pick the person who oversees the investigation into his administration because the investigation must be independent.
- **An overwhelming bipartisan majority of voters want Mueller's report to be made public for everyone to read once it's complete.** 82% of voters, including 86% of independents and 73% of Republicans, say they want Mueller's report to be released publicly for everyone to read once it's completed, compared to just 13% who don't think it should be made public. Even 70% of Trump voters agree.
- **Independents by 2 to 1 think President Trump should be indicted and prosecuted if he committed a crime.** 56% of voters, including 62% of independents, think that President Trump should be indicted and prosecuted in the courts if the Mueller investigation results in evidence he committed a crime.



- **Cracks are forming between Republican voters and President Trump on the substance of the Mueller investigation and the Senate's role in Barr's nomination.** 40% of Republicans do not think President Trump should be allowed to pick who oversees the Mueller investigation. 23% of Republicans think that President Trump should be indicted and prosecuted if he committed a crime, and 27% of Republicans think their Senator should vote against Barr if he does not make a specific public commitment to allow Mueller to follow the facts and complete the investigation without any interference.

- 42% of voters say they approve of President Trump's job performance, while 53% disapprove.

Public Policy Polling surveyed a national sample of 782 registered voters via telephone on behalf of Law Works. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.5%.