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RELEASE: New Poll Shows Pennsylvanians Overwhelmingly Support a Hearing and Vote on Merrick Garland's Nomination

Washington, D.C. — A national poll with over-samples in five key states, including Pennsylvania, shows that American voters overwhelmingly support Judge Merrick Garland receiving a hearing and a vote on his nomination to fill the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy. Additionally, the polls suggest voters view Republican senators, including Senator Toomey, who oppose a hearing and a vote much more unfavorably and still support the action even after hearing supporting and opposing arguments.

Some top-line findings from Pennsylvania:

- Two-thirds of Pennsylvania voters want the U.S. Senate to hold hearings and an up-or-down confirmation vote for Judge Merrick Garland, President Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court.
- A plurality of voters in Pennsylvania believes Judge Merrick Garland should be confirmed to the United States Supreme Court.
- Pennsylvania voters reject the decision of Republican leaders in the United States Senate to not hold confirmation hearings and an up-or-down vote for Judge Garland.
- By an 18-point margin, voters in Pennsylvania say they will look less favorably upon U.S. Senator Pat Toomey if he refuses to support confirmation hearings and an up-or-down vote for Judge Garland.
- Nearly two-thirds of Pennsylvania voters believe Republican leaders are refusing to hold hearings and a confirmation vote for Judge Garland mostly for political purposes.

Why Courts Matter - PA held a press call today with John Halpin, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, who helped design the survey, and Joan Duvall-Flynn, President of the Pennsylvania Conference of NAACP Branches. [You can listen to a recording of the press call here.](#)

[Click here for a detailed breakdown of the Pennsylvania results.](#)

Attached and below is a copy of a Pennsylvania-specific polling memo from John Halpin and the pollster.

The polls were conducted by GBA Strategies in late April with the following margins of error: national, +/- 3.1 percent; Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, +/- 4.0 percent; and Iowa, +/- 4.4 percent.

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