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Conducted in Partnership with NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund

A new survey conducted by Clarity Campaign Labs on behalf of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America shows that **voters in Nevada want to protect *Roe v. Wade* and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and they will hold Senator Heller accountable if he votes to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.** As voters learn more about Kavanaugh's views and record on the ACA, on protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and on safe, legal abortion, Nevadans become more wary of his nomination. The survey was conducted between August 21st and August 25th, using live calls to landlines and cell phones of registered voters in Nevada. The sample included 772 voters, and the margin of error is +/- 3.38 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval.

Nevada voters strongly support current ACA protections, which prohibit insurance companies from discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, or pregnancy. In fact, 82 percent believe the Supreme Court should keep those protections in place.

- Nevadans also oppose the Supreme Court ruling against the Affordable Care Act as a whole, with 49 percent opposed to overturning the ACA compared with only 37 percent who support overturning the law.
- When voters hear about Kavanaugh's likely positions on protections for people with pre-existing conditions, they are less likely to support him by 25 points.

Additionally, Nevada voters are concerned about women's rights, including abortion.

Seventy-two percent do not want to see the Supreme Court restrict women's constitutional rights. Fifty-four percent of Nevada voters believe that there's more than a fifty percent chance that Kavanaugh will rule to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and criminalize abortion. **Upon hearing that Kavanaugh would likely tip the balance of the court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and criminalize abortion, voters become less likely to support Judge Kavanaugh by a nearly 3-to-1 margin.** Forty-six percent of voters become less likely to support his confirmation with only seventeen percent being more likely.

Voters want members of Congress to support women's constitutional rights, including abortion. Fifty-six percent are more likely to support a candidate for Congress who supports women's rights, compared to only eleven percent who prefer to support candidates who oppose those rights. **A strong majority of Nevadans support access to safe, legal abortion.**

Seventy-four percent of voters do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned with just nineteen percent expressing support for overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Nevadans do not want to see abortion criminalized. When Nevada voters learn about Judge Kavanaugh's positions, which would criminalize abortion, they are less likely to support his nomination by 29 points. Donald Trump has been crystal clear. He has a litmus test for his Supreme Court nominee: end *Roe v Wade*. He has found his man in Brett Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh was chosen because he lived up to Trump's litmus test and will be a vote to end *Roe v Wade*, criminalize abortion, and punish women.

If Senator Heller votes to confirm Kavanaugh, he will suffer the consequences in November. Nevadans made clear they will hold Senator Heller accountable for his vote on Kavanaugh's nomination. Forty-four percent would view Senator Heller less favorably if he voted for an anti-ACA nominee, with only ten percent viewing him more favorably. **By 31-points, voters would view Senator Heller less favorably if he voted for an anti-Roe nominee (45 percent compared to 14 percent).**

If Senator Heller votes to confirm Kavanaugh, voters are 10-points less likely to support his re-election bid. Independent voters are 9-points less likely to support Senator Heller's re-election if he votes to confirm Kavanaugh.

Nevada voters clearly support women's rights and health care protections and are willing to take action. Fifty-two percent of Nevadans said they are likely to contact their U.S. Senators about the Supreme Court Nominee. Senator Heller can expect to be hearing from them.