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A new survey by Public Policy Polling finds that 64% of voters in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Nevada are more likely to support elected officials in the next election if they work to advance legislation that will protect Roe v. Wade and prevent the criminalization of abortion. Only 22% of voters say they would be less likely to support such a candidate. Another 58% of voters agree that it is important for state legislatures to proactively protect the right to abortion through state legislation, while only 23% disagree, giving more than a 2-to-1 margin of support for pro-choice legislation.

A large majority (85%) of voters believe that abortion should be legal, compared to only 13% who believe that abortion should be illegal. Of those who believe it should be legal, a majority (51%) personally support a woman's right to abortion and believe it should be legal and available, while the remaining 34% believe the government should not prevent a woman from making that decision for herself.

Key findings from the survey include:

- There is little difference in belief along gender lines, as the majority of both men (58%) and women (57%) believe it is important for state legislatures to proactively protect the right to abortion.
- 64% of both men and women say they are more likely to support an elected official who worked to protect Roe v. Wade.

PPP surveyed 2,490 voters in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Nevada from January 23-25, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 2%. The polls were conducted by automated telephone interviews on behalf of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

