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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Connecticut Voters Show Bipartisan Support Bill to Increase Transparency Around Prosecutors' Decisions

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 64% of voters support a bill in the State Legislature that would create more transparency around prosecutors' decisions in Connecticut. The bill would require the Division of Criminal Justice, which employs prosecutors, to report data each year to the state, including demographic data about people accused or convicted of a crime and about prosecutors' actions. When given more information about the bill, and statements about how creating more transparency could change the justice system in Connecticut, support for the bill rose to 71%.

A majority (72%) of voters also agree that creating more transparency about prosecutors' work would allow everyone in Connecticut to create a better justice system, while only 13% disagree.

Key findings from the survey include:

- A majority of voters across all parties support the bill, including 71% of Democrats, 61% of Republicans, and 57% of independents initially supporting it. The percentages rose to 80% of Democrats, 70% of Republicans, and 59% of independents after more information was presented in the survey.
- Voters who supported Donald Trump (70% before being given more information and 72% after) and voters who supported Hillary Clinton (64% before being given more information and 73% after) in 2016 support the bill.
- 78% of Democrats, 71% of Republicans, and 63% of independents also agree that more transparency would create a better justice system.

PPP surveyed 621 Connecticut voters from March 28-29, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 71% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 29% were





interviewed over the internet to reach respondents without
landline telephones.

