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To: Interested Parties
From: ALG Research
Re: Polling Shows ME-2 Voters Strongly Support \$3.5 Trillion Build Back Better Reconciliation Plan

The results from recent polling commissioned by Tax March of likely 2022 voters in Maine's 2nd Congressional District show there is strong support for Congress's \$3.5 trillion proposal to lower the costs of health care, prescription drugs, child care, education, and more as part of President Biden's Build Back Better Agenda, with voters believing it would make a difference in their own lives. Beyond this, there is majority support for raising taxes on corporations and wealthy earners to fund the plan.

- **Strong majorities of ME-2 voters support the proposed Build Back Better Act – even after hearing the investments represent \$3.5 trillion in spending.** Six-in-10 (61%) likely voters support the proposed legislation, including 44% of voters who *strongly* favor the bill (more than the 36% total who oppose).

Two-thirds of Independents (66%) favor the proposal, as do a strong majority of seniors (63%) and even three-in-10 Republicans (30%).

Appendix A includes full language tested.

- **A plurality of ME-2 voters believe these proposed investments will have a positive impact on them and their families (41%).** This includes the overwhelming majority of Democrats (70%) and a plurality of Independents (40%).
- **Voters are also strongly supportive of raising the corporate tax rate and taxes on wealthy earners to pay for these proposals.** Most voters support raising taxes on big corporations to fund the investments included in the legislation by a wide, 23-point margin (60% support / 37% oppose), including two-thirds of Independents (67%). And six-in-10 support raising income taxes on Americans earning over \$400,000 a year to fund the plan (60% support / 38% oppose), including 70% of Independents.
- **Voters want their representative to support this legislation.** Nearly half of voters – 47% – say they would be *less likely* to vote for Rep. Jared Golden next year if he opposed the proposed reconciliation package (compared to only 21% who say they would be more likely).

These findings are based on the results of a telephone and text-to-web survey conducted by ALG Research from September 23-28, 2021 among N=300 likely November 2022 voters in Maine's 2nd CD. 75% of interviews were conducted via cell phones, while the remaining 25% were conducted using landlines. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 5.7% at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

Appendix A: Build Back Better Agenda Bill Description Tested

- As you may know, Congress is considering other legislation to lower costs for health care, prescription drugs, child care, education, and electricity bills. The plan would include a tax cut to help working families pay for health care premiums, would allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to lower prescription drug costs, expand access to paid family and medical leave, and help families cover the cost of child care, elder care, and community college.

The plan is estimated to cost \$3.5 trillion and would be paid for by raising taxes on those earning over \$400,000 a year and on corporations. It would not increase the debt or raise taxes on any household making less than \$400,000 a year.

Do you support or oppose Congress's plan to lower costs for health care, prescription drugs, child care, and education?