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To: Interested Parties

Fr: Impact Research

Re: Poll Finds Nebraska Voters Oppose Anti-Abortion Legislation

A recent poll of Nebraska voters finds that they oppose legislation that would ban all abortions in the state if the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* by a double-digit margin, and that supporting an abortion ban would hurt the prospects of a political candidate in Nebraska. In addition, restricting access to abortion is a low priority for voters. The following are key findings from the poll:

- **Nebraska voters oppose legislation that would ban all abortions in the state by a 15-point margin.** Voters are against a bill that would ban all abortion in Nebraska if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* (40% support / 55% oppose). Strong opposition to this “trigger ban” (50% strongly oppose) also outpaces strong support (30% strongly support) by 20 points. Independents are even more likely to oppose a ban, with over two-thirds against it (29% support / 67% oppose).
- **Supporting such a ban will hurt a candidate’s electoral prospects.** By a 14-point margin, voters are less likely to vote for a candidate that supports an abortion ban in the state (32% more likely / 46% less likely). The negative electoral impact of supporting an abortion ban is even more pronounced among Independents, making them 37-points less likely to support a candidate who backs one (20% more likely / 57% less likely).
- **A majority of Nebraska voters support *Roe v. Wade*.** A majority of Nebraska voters believe *Roe* should not be overturned (34% should be overturned / 55% should not be overturned), with half (50%) indicating they are strongly opposed to overturning *Roe*. A strong majority of Independents (61%) would also prefer *Roe* not be overturned.
- **Restricting access to abortion is a low priority for voters.** Of seven issues tested on what voters most wanted the state legislature to act on, restricting access to abortion ranked second to last (13%), above only COVID relief (2%). Voters are three times as likely to prefer that the Nebraska state legislature focus on reducing property taxes (44%) and helping families deal with rising costs (39%) than on restricting access to abortion.

This memo is based on the results of a telephone and text-to-web survey conducted by Impact Research from March 2 – 7, 2022 among N=500 registered voters in Nebraska. 75% of all interviews were conducted over cell phones. The results are subject to a margin of error of ± 4.4 percentage points.