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A new Public Policy Polling survey of Pennsylvania voters finds that Hillary Clinton leads 48-44 in the Presidential race, while Katie McGinty has a 46-44 advantage in the US Senate race.

-83% of voters in the state support requiring background checks on all gun sales, to only 12% who are opposed to them. 78% of voters support prohibiting individuals convicted of committing a hate crime from buying a gun, to just 14% opposed to that. And 78% support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic abuse from buying a gun, to only 11% opposed to that. Each of these measures has strong bipartisan support, with 80-93% of Democrats in support, 76-77% of independents, and even 70-76% of Republicans.

-Among McGinty supporters, 97% support requiring background checks for all gun sales, 85% support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic abuse from buying guns, and 90% support prohibiting individuals convicted of a hate crime from buying guns, suggesting her support in the race is driven by her positions on these gun policies.

-Toomey's support for background checks is what's helping to keep him competitive in the Senate race. Among voters who support Clinton for President but also support Toomey for Senate, there's 92/7 support for expanded background checks. 75% of those voters say that Toomey's sponsorship of background check legislation made them more likely to vote for him.

-Common sense gun legislation is very popular among the voters who remain undecided for President and Senate. Undecideds for President support expanded background checks 78/11, and undecideds for Senate support them 72/7.

-Voters want to see action on gun legislation at the state level as well. 73% of voters support a proposal requiring purchasers of long guns to undergo background checks prior to a sale, compared to only 18% who oppose that proposal.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 1,050 likely voters on October 31st and November 1st. The margin of error is +/-3.0%. 80% of participants, selected through a list based sample, responded via the phone, while 20% of respondents who did not have landlines conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel.

