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A new Public Policy Polling survey of New Hampshire voters finds that Hillary Clinton leads the Presidential race in the state 48/43, and Maggie Hassan leads the Senate race in the state 48/45. Key findings from the survey include:

-85% of voters in the state support requiring background checks on all gun sales, to only 9% who are opposed to them. 78% of voters support prohibiting individuals convicted of committing a hate crime from buying a gun, to just 12% opposed to that. And 78% support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic abuse from buying a gun, to only 12% opposed to that. Each of these measures has strong bipartisan support, with 88-89% of Democrats in support, 71-86% of independents, and even 72-80% of Republicans.

-Her record on gun issues is causing Kelly Ayotte problems in the US Senate race. By a 28 point margin voters say her opposition to background checks legislation makes them less likely to vote for her- only 14% say that position makes them more likely to vote for her to 42% who say it makes them less likely to. Among critical independent voters, it's 12% more likely and 43% less likely.

-Common sense gun legislation is very popular among the voters who remain undecided for President and Senate. Undecideds for President support expanded background checks 85/9, and undecideds for Senate support them 65/16.

-New Hampshire voters would also like to see a push for stronger gun legislation at the state level. 55% would be more likely to vote for a state legislator who supported expanding background checks to all gun sales, compared to only 14% who would be less likely to vote for a legislator who wanted to do that.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 781 likely voters on October 31st and November 1st. The margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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.

