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Subject: Voters in West Virginia Support Voting Rights Legislation, Want Senator Manchin to Vote to Modify Senate Rules to Allow It to Pass

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 50% of West Virginia voters support legislation to protect the right to vote and get dark money out of politics. Voters were asked about the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act—introduced in the U.S. Senate as the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act—which are a response to the growing trend of state legislatures across the country passing restrictive voting laws that make it harder for Americans to vote. Only 38% of West Virginia voters oppose the legislation.

In addition, 48% of West Virginia voters want Senator Joe Manchin to vote to modify Senate rules if necessary to allow this legislation to get dark money out of our elections and protect voting rights to pass, while just 42% disagree, saying they do not want Manchin to modify the Senate rules.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- Senator Manchin has a net positive favorability rating among West Virginia voters, with 54% of voters having a favorable opinion of him and 39% having an unfavorable opinion.
- Legislation to protect voting rights is especially popular among seniors: Voters over the age of 65 support the legislation by a 35-point margin (60-25), while voters between the ages of 46 and 65 support it by a 17-point margin (52-35) and voters between the ages of 18 and 45 are more divided (43-49).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 550 West Virginia voters from January 17-18, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

