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Subject: Minnesota Voters Seriously Concerned About Tim Pawlenty's Past; DFL Candidate Pulling More Support for Governor

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Minnesota voters are uncomfortable with Former Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty's record and are supporting the yet to be named Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) candidate over him in the election for Governor. In the first hypothetical matchup, 41% said they would vote for the DFL candidate and 38% said they would vote for Tim Pawlenty. Serious concerns emerged when voters were exposed to Pawlenty's record – 61% said they had very or somewhat serious concerns about the fact that Pawlenty has made more than 10 million dollars lobbying for the largest Wall Street banks in the last five years. 69% of voters had very or somewhat serious concerns when they learned that Pawlenty left Minnesota with a 6 billion dollar deficit to go run for President. After being presented with this information, Minnesota voters started to lean even further away from Pawlenty with only 35% saying they would vote for him and 45% saying they would vote for the DFL candidate.

Key findings from the survey include:

- With 2018 right around the corner, Pawlenty's favorability is not in a good place. 33% of voters said they have a favorable opinion of him, and 36% said they have an unfavorable opinion of him.
- In a general gubernatorial matchup, the DFL candidate has more support than the Republican candidate. A plurality (46%) of voters said they would vote for the DFL candidate and only 38% said they would vote for the Republican candidate
- Similar to his national ratings, Trump has a low approval rating in Minnesota. A majority (53%) of Minnesotans disapprove of President Trump's job performance while only 40% approve.

PPP surveyed 871 Minnesota voters from November 14-15, 2017. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 80% of interviews for the poll were conducted over the phone with 20% interviewed over the internet to reach respondents who don't have landline telephones.

