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Subject: Danny O'Connor Closing in On Troy Balderson in Preview of Ohio CD 12 Special Election

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A new survey by Public Policy Polling finds that Democratic candidate Danny O'Connor is closing in on Republican Troy Balderson in a preview of the upcoming special election in Ohio's 12th Congressional District. Results of the matchup initially show Balderson leading O'Connor, 48-44, but after learning about O'Connor's refusal to take contributions from corporate special interests groups and Balderson's acceptance of these contributions, the gap between Danny O'Connor and Troy Balderson tightened to a 1-point margin, 47-48. Among Ohio CD 12 constituents who say they are certain to vote, O'Connor leads Balderson in the initial head-to-head, 47-46. O'Connor retains and expands this lead among Ohioans who are certain to vote in the informed matchup, receiving 49% of the vote compared to 46% who support Balderson.

Key findings in the survey include:

- Consistent with the results of the informed vote, where O'Connor took the lead over Balderson, a majority of voters (66%) are more likely to support a candidate who refuses to take any money from corporate special interests.
- A large portion of voters believe that politicians in Washington are promoting policies that aid the corporate special interests groups that help to fund their campaigns. 49% of voters believe this happens almost always, and 38% believe it happens a lot of the time.

PPP surveyed 617 Ohio voters from July 27-29, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

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