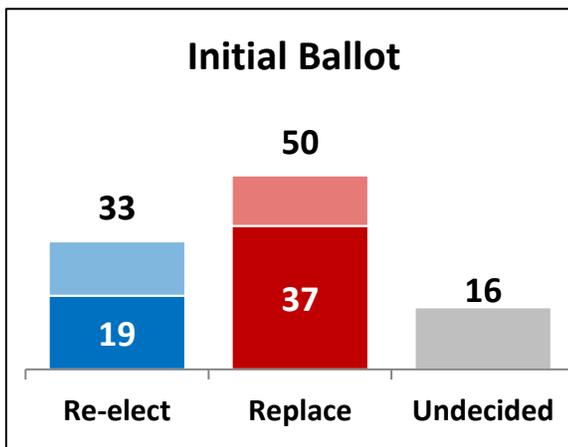


To: Interested Parties
 CC: Fix Our Senate
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 Re: Results from Polling on Filibuster Reform in Arizona¹
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A recent Arizona-statewide survey conducted by LRP shows important shifts in public opinion over the last year. More voters today support ending the filibuster than in the spring, and more voters today, particularly Democratic base voters, are critical of Democratic Senator Kyrsten Sinema than they were in the summer. It is likely more than a coincidence that these two attitudes are trending together. Voters, especially Democrats and independents, are hungry for action and want to see the kinds of change they voted for come to reality. Leaders who stand in the way of that change and those reforms are at risk.

Here are the key findings from the most recent statewide survey:

- Democratic base voters in Arizona are becoming more critical of Democratic United States Senator Kyrsten Sinema, signaling a drift in support among the voters who elected her.** Only 30% of Democrats give her a favorable rating compared to 61% who give her an unfavorable rating. This is a shift from July, when only 34% of Democrats had an unfavorable opinion of her and 25% of independents had an unfavorable view.



- Republicans keep Sinema’s overall favorability among likely voters just slightly net-positive (46% favorable; 44% unfavorable).** Fifty-seven percent of Republicans say they are favorable toward Sinema (31% unfavorable). Notably, while Republicans boost Sinema’s favorable ratings, that support does not translate to her reelection. Currently, only 33% of all voters would re-elect Sinema while 50% would replace her. Only 38% of Republicans say they would vote to reelect her, a 19-point decline compared to Republicans who say she is doing a good job. She cannot count on a strategy of replacing Democratic voters with Republican voters, as Republicans do not follow her to the ballot. Her reelection ratings are worse among Democrats (23% re-

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elect; 63% replace). Like her favorable ratings, her re-election among her base trends south. In July, 28% of voters said they would re-elect Sinema whereas 41% would replace the Senator, and her base has deteriorated since.

- Democratic voters are especially concerned that Sinema is not looking out for them.** More than three in five Democrats disapprove of how she is handling "listening to constituents" (62%), and a majority disapprove of how she has handled "protecting voting rights" (54%). Given a list of several traits that could be used to describe Kyrsten Sinema, the top trait overall is "independent-minded" (62% say it describes her well), though this is largely driven by Republicans (75%) and independents (63%), while just 46% of Democrats agree. However, on every other trait tested, Democrats are critical of Sinema, including saying she is not looking out for people like me (69%), is for the wealthy (68%), is not honest and trustworthy (65%), is a typical politician (64%), and is putting what is best for herself ahead of what is best for Arizona families (60%).
- Arizona voters' support for filibuster reform has increased.** As recently as July, support for filibuster reform among Arizona voters was net negative (26% support; 32% oppose). And while Arizona voters are still largely split today, they are now net-positive towards reform (41% support; 37% oppose). While Democrats vastly prefer eliminating the filibuster for certain legislation over other reforms, bringing back the talking filibuster has wide, if not intense, bipartisan support, with 58% support from both Republicans and Democrats and 60% support from independents.
- Furthermore, Democrats and independents agree that passing voting rights legislation is more important than preserving the filibuster.

% More Important to Pass Over Preserving Filibuster	Total	Registered Democrats	Registered Republicans	Registered Independents
Passing voting rights legislation that would expand early voting and vote-by-mail to every eligible American, make voter intimidation a felony, and requiring all super PACs and "dark money" groups to make their donors public	57	85	36	54

- Support for reforming the filibuster has important implications for reconsolidating Sinema's standing among Democrats.** Forty-six percent of voters say they would be more favorable toward Kyrsten Sinema if she voted in favor of filibuster reform, including 68% of Democrats and 46% of independents.

Additionally, Sinema goes from 23% re-elect among Democrats to 39% re-elect if she were to vote in favor of reforming the filibuster – a total shift of 28% toward reelection.

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Methods: Lake Research Partners designed and administered this survey. It was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers as well as text-to-online from October 27 – 31, 2021. The survey reached a total of 550 likely 2022 voters in Arizona. Telephone numbers for the sample were generated from a list of registered voters in Arizona. The data were weighted slightly by gender, age, region, party registration, party identification, education, race on file, race ask, and 2020 presidential vote choice. The margin of error is +/-4.4%.