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RE: General Election Poll in Rhode Island 1

Democrat David Cicilline leads Republican John Loughlin in Rhode Island's open 1st Congressional District by 53 percent to 38 percent. When voters hear messages on behalf of both candidates, Cicilline's lead expands to 59 percent to 34 percent for Loughlin.

Cicilline dominates his home base in the city of Providence with 77 percent support, and wins majorities in virtually every region of the district. Providence voters also overwhelmingly approve of Cicilline's performance as Mayor.

Cicilline starts with a broader base than Loughlin and the district remains Democratic in its partisan leanings and even more strongly in its issue preferences. A total of 45 percent of voters identify themselves as Democrats or independents that lean Democratic compared with 17 percent who self identify as Republican or leaning Republican. Voters strongly oppose repealing health care reform (58 percent) and more than 60 percent support the Cicilline position on an array of issues ranging from alternative energy, to Social Security and Wall Street reform and rolling back the Bush tax cuts.

Loughlin's attacks on Cicilline fall flat. Only 40 percent of voters are more likely to support Loughlin based on the kind of attacks Loughlin has launched so far on Cicilline's record and that Cicilline successfully fought back during the Democratic primary.

Overall, Cicilline is a well-known and well-liked public figure, running in a traditionally Democratic district. He is the overwhelming favorite in this race.

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The poll was conducted September 18 through September 20, 2010 by professional interviewers. Respondents were selected by the random cluster method from among registered voters who had participated in prior elections and were screened for likely participation in the election this November. With a sample size of 500, the margin of error is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.