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Shea-Porter, Kuster competitive in NH House races

Raleigh, N.C. – Democrats have a good chance to flip both of New Hampshire’s U.S. House seats this fall. In the 1st District, former Rep. Carol Shea-Porter leads her successor Frank Guinta by four points (47-43). Meanwhile, in the 2nd District, Rep. Charlie Bass and Ann McLane Kuster are tied at 42%.

Kuster has a name recognition problem that Shea-Porter does not. Having been in the office she is trying to reclaim, Shea-Porter is actually slightly more known to her district’s voters than is the current incumbent who beat her in 2010. But Bass has a much larger profile than Kuster does in their district. Among voters who have an opinion on both of them, whether positive or negative, Kuster actually leads by 17 points (56-39), indicating that as voters get to know her better, she could jump out to a lead.

Guinta (36-44) and Bass (34-49) each have negative approval ratings because Democrats dislike them more than Republicans like them, and independents are also pretty down on them. Voters are split on Shea-Porter (42% favorable, 42% unfavorable), but those who are familiar with Kuster like her somewhat strongly (35-24) because Democrats like her more than Republicans dislike her, and independents see her in a good light.

Shea-Porter is winning over more Republican support (14%) than Guinta is Democratic votes (8%), though she trails slightly with independents (40-44). Kuster also lags with nonpartisan voters (36-44), and 12% of each party’s voters cross over for the opposition. The reason she has more room to grow her support than do Bass or Shea-Porter is that more Democrats are undecided than are Republicans.

“Both of New Hampshire’s House seats look like sheer toss ups,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The old adage of people hating Congress but liking their Congressman doesn’t apply here- they don’t care for their individual members either.”

PPP surveyed 502 New Hampshire 1st Congressional district voters and 642 2nd Congressional district voters from May 10th to 13th. The margin of error for the CD1 survey is +/-4.4%, and +/-3.9% for the CD2 survey. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



New Hampshire 1st Congressional District Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman Frank Guinta's job performance?

Approve36% *Not sure*19%
Disapprove.....44%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Carol Shea-Porter?

Favorable.....42%
Unfavorable42%
Not sure16%

Q3 If the candidates for Congress were Republican Frank Guinta and Democrat Carol Shea-Porter, who would you vote for?

Frank Guinta43%
Carol Shea-Porter.....47%
Undecided.....10%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal.....8%
Somewhat liberal23%
Moderate.....32%
Somewhat conservative.....23%
Very conservative14%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman54%
Man.....46%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat35%
Republican.....35%
Independent/Other.....31%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White90%
Other.....10%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29.....9%
30 to 45.....30%
46 to 65.....37%
Older than 65.....24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Guinta Approval						
Approve	36%	15%	12%	23%	64%	73%
Disapprove	44%	76%	69%	57%	14%	10%
Not sure	19%	9%	20%	20%	22%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Shea-Porter Favorability						
Favorable	42%	82%	71%	50%	11%	2%
Unfavorable	42%	3%	11%	34%	70%	89%
Not sure	16%	15%	18%	16%	19%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Guinta/Shea-Porter						
Frank Guinta	43%	5%	9%	32%	77%	89%
Carol Shea-Porter	47%	89%	87%	54%	9%	5%
Undecided	10%	6%	4%	13%	14%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Guinta Approval			
Approve	36%	29%	45%
Disapprove	44%	46%	42%
Not sure	19%	25%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shea-Porter Favorability			
Favorable	42%	45%	37%
Unfavorable	42%	35%	51%
Not sure	16%	19%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Guinta/Shea-Porter			
Frank Guinta	43%	36%	52%
Carol Shea-Porter	47%	55%	38%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Guinta Approval				
Approve	36%	11%	62%	36%
Disapprove	44%	71%	18%	44%
Not sure	19%	18%	20%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shea-Porter Favorability				
Favorable	42%	73%	10%	41%
Unfavorable	42%	11%	75%	41%
Not sure	16%	16%	15%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Guinta/Shea-Porter				
Frank Guinta	43%	8%	78%	44%
Carol Shea-Porter	47%	87%	14%	40%
Undecided	10%	5%	8%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Guinta Approval			
Approve	36%	34%	54%
Disapprove	44%	46%	31%
Not sure	19%	20%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Shea-Porter Favorability			
Favorable	42%	44%	21%
Unfavorable	42%	40%	60%
Not sure	16%	16%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Guinta/Shea-Porter			
Frank Guinta	43%	42%	54%
Carol Shea-Porter	47%	49%	34%
Undecided	10%	9%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Guinta Approval					
Approve	36%	47%	27%	40%	39%
Disapprove	44%	20%	51%	46%	43%
Not sure	19%	33%	22%	14%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shea-Porter Favorability					
Favorable	42%	33%	38%	41%	50%
Unfavorable	42%	40%	44%	45%	37%
Not sure	16%	27%	18%	13%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Guinta/Shea-Porter					
Frank Guinta	43%	40%	39%	47%	44%
Carol Shea-Porter	47%	47%	52%	45%	45%
Undecided	10%	13%	9%	8%	11%



New Hampshire 2nd Congressional District Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Congressman Charlie Bass' job performance?
Approve34% *Not sure*17%
Disapprove.....49%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ann McLane Kuster?
Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 24%
Not sure 41%
- Q3** If the candidates for Congress were Republican Charlie Bass and Democrat Ann McLane Kuster, who would you vote for?
Charlie Bass 42%
Ann McLane Kuster 42%
Undecided..... 15%
- Q4** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 24%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 10%
- Q5** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
Woman 51%
Man..... 49%
- Q6** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
Democrat 36%
Republican..... 29%
Independent/Other..... 36%
- Q7** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.
White 91%
Other..... 9%
- Q8** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.
18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 20%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 26%



Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bass Approval						
Approve	34%	4%	10%	34%	60%	60%
Disapprove	49%	88%	73%	48%	19%	24%
Not sure	17%	7%	17%	18%	21%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kuster Favorability						
Favorable	35%	61%	59%	37%	11%	1%
Unfavorable	24%	3%	10%	17%	47%	49%
Not sure	41%	35%	31%	46%	43%	50%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Bass/Kuster						
Charlie Bass	42%	10%	11%	39%	76%	80%
Ann McLane Kuster	42%	78%	78%	39%	10%	5%
Undecided	15%	12%	11%	22%	13%	15%

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		Woman	Man
Bass Approval			
Approve	34%	30%	38%
Disapprove	49%	51%	48%
Not sure	17%	20%	14%





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Bass/Kuster			
Charlie Bass	42%	37%	48%
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Undecided	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bass Approval				
Approve	34%	10%	62%	35%
Disapprove	49%	75%	19%	47%
Not sure	17%	15%	19%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kuster Favorability				
Favorable	35%	59%	8%	33%
Unfavorable	24%	7%	49%	21%
Not sure	41%	34%	43%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bass/Kuster				
Charlie Bass	42%	12%	79%	44%
Ann McLane Kuster	42%	72%	12%	36%
Undecided	15%	16%	9%	20%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Bass Approval			
Approve	34%	34%	33%
Disapprove	49%	48%	57%
Not sure	17%	18%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Kuster Favorability			
Favorable	35%	35%	33%
Unfavorable	24%	23%	40%
Not sure	41%	42%	28%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Bass/Kuster			
Charlie Bass	42%	43%	39%
Ann McLane Kuster	42%	42%	43%
Undecided	15%	15%	17%





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Favorable	35%	28%	32%	41%	32%
Unfavorable	24%	24%	29%	24%	21%
Not sure	41%	48%	39%	35%	47%

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Ann McLane Kuster	42%	40%	42%	45%	40%
Undecided	15%	24%	15%	15%	13%

