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Subject: Majority of North Carolina's 112th District Feel Betrayed by Cotham's Party Switch, Say They Will Support Democratic Candidate in Next Election

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority of voters (59%) in North Carolina's 112th District agree that Tricia Cotham's decision to switch from the Democratic to Republican Party is a betrayal to voters, given that she ran as an advocate of Democratic policies. This includes a majority of independent voters (59%), while just 30% of the district's voters overall disagree. Additionally, 55% of voters say they are less likely to vote for Cotham next time, including 55% of independents, while only 33% say they would be more likely to support her in the next election.

When asked to choose between Tricia Cotham and a Democratic candidate, voters support a Democrat by a 24-point margin (56-32).

Other key findings in the survey include:

- A majority of voters (70%) have heard at least some about Cotham switching parties, with just over a third of voters (35%) saying they have heard a lot about the switch. African-American voters are particularly likely (74%) to have heard at least some about Cotham switching parties, with 41% reporting that they've heard a lot.
- Cotham is underwater in favorability in her district by a 22-point margin (26-48). Among independents, this margin increases to 27 points (23-50).
- 73% of voters in the 112th District oppose a Republican-proposed ban on abortion in the General Assembly, with a majority (55%) strongly opposed. Just 22% of the district's voters support an abortion ban.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 469 North Carolina House District 112 voters from April 14-16, 2023. The margin of error is +/- 4.5%. 67% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 33% by telephone.

