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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Jake Johnson Within Striking Distance of Finstad in MN CD-1, Voters Say it's Time for Someone New in Congress**

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A new PPP poll in Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District finds Jake Johnson within 3 points of Brad Finstad, 44%-41% with 15% of voters undecided.

Finstad only has a 35% approval rating, while 38% disapprove.

When respondents were asked if they think Congressman Finstad deserves to be re-elected, or is it time for someone new, voters choose someone new by a 13-point margin. Just 35% say Finstad deserves re-election, while 48% say it's time for someone new.

Among independent voters the divide is even more stark, with 50% of them saying it's time for someone new and just 29% saying Brad Finstad deserves to be re-elected.

Voters who are undecided in the Congressional matchup give Trump a -21 approval spread at 34/55. If the undecideds for House voted based on how they feel about Trump- not unusual in a midterm- the race would basically be tied with Finstad leading by just a fraction of a point.

Other key findings from the survey include that President Trump is under water in the district – 49% of voters disapprove of the job he is doing compared to just 47% who approve - this despite having won the district by 12 points in 2024.





PPP interviewed 708 registered voters in Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District on February 2-3, 2026. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 3.7%. 71% of interviews were conducted by text and 29% by landline.

