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TO: Kentucky Democratic Party
FROM: Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group
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RE: Just-completed Kentucky statewide survey

Between July 7 and 10, Garin-Hart-Yang interviewed a representative sample of 601 likely general election voters in Kentucky. The survey, which was conducted on both landlines and cell phones, was fully representative of an expected November 2020 general election by key factors such as gender, age, geography, race, and partisan affiliation. The following are the key findings:

- 1. Nearly seven in ten (69%) of Kentucky voters approve of Governor Beshear's handling of the coronavirus outbreak**, compared to 25% who say they disapprove. The Governor's support is above a majority with nearly every single major demographic and attitudinal subgroup, with 77% of Independents saying they approve and even 53% of Trump voters.
- 2. Our survey finds that nearly three out of four Kentuckians support the Governor's recent decision to require the wearing of masks in public**, including a solid majority of Republicans, Conservatives, and even Trump voters.

"Support or oppose requiring people to wear a mask in indoor places such as grocery stores, schools, retail stores, and certain outdoor places, such as mass gatherings?"

	All	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Conservatives
Support	73%	95%	66%	58%	56%
Oppose	23%	4%	30%	37%	39%

3. By contrast, the Republican majority in the state legislature generates lackluster ratings, with just one-third of Kentucky voters giving the GOP a positive rating, with 57% who rate their performance as only fair (37%) or poor (20%). Unlike Governor Beshear, the GOP is severely underwater with Independents (19% positive, 66% negative) and garners a bare majority of support from Trump voters (54% positive).

4. Most Kentuckians (more than three in five) believe the coronavirus is still a major threat to Kentucky families, with 63% saying the worst is yet to come in terms of the coronavirus' effect on Kentucky's public health and economy, compared to just 21% who say the worst is behind.