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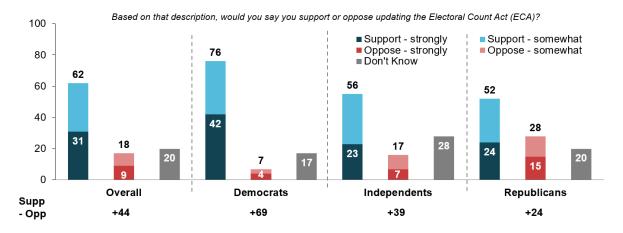|	
To:	**Interested Parties**
From:	**ALG Research and GS Strategy Group**
Re:	**Poll Finds Broad, Bipartisan Support for Updating Electoral Count Act**

A recent national poll reveals that there is robust support for updating the Electoral Count Act (ECA) across party lines. Most voters believe there is a real threat that a party in Congress will try to overturn the results of an upcoming presidential election to put their own candidate in power. Voters see updating the ECA as an important step to help prevent this threat and ensure our presidential elections are decided by voters, not partisan politicians in Congress.

Key Findings

➢ **There is broad support for updating the ECA, with support extending across party lines.** After a brief description, voters support updating the ECA by a 44-point margin (62% support / 18% oppose), with Democrats (+69; 76% supp. / 7% opp.), Independents (+39; 56% supp. / 17% opp.), and Republicans (+24; 52% supp. / 28% opp.) all supporting an update by wide margins. Support extends across demographic and geographic lines as well.

"There is currently a proposal in Congress to update the Electoral Count Act of 1887 (also known as the ECA), which provides the legal framework for casting and counting the Electoral College votes, which determine who wins the presidency. The proposed update would establish more clearly defined rules for Congress and the vice president to follow when counting the Electoral College votes in January, and would make it more difficult for members of Congress to reject a state's certified presidential election results."

Based on that description, would you say you support or oppose updating the Electoral Count Act (ECA)?

	Overall	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Supp - Opp	**+44**	**+69**	**+39**	**+24**

These findings are based on the results of a nationwide online survey conducted by ALG Research and GS Strategy Group from September 20-26, 2021 among N=1,012 registered voters (912N nationwide + 100N oversample of Republicans). The confidence interval for the main sample is +/- 3.2% at the 95% level of confidence. The confidence interval for subgroups varies and is higher.

➢ **Most voters are concerned about a party in Congress trying to overrule the results of an upcoming presidential election**. One driver of support for updating the ECA is that a strong majority of voters (58%) think it is likely that a party will try to overturn the results of an upcoming presidential election to put their own candidate in power. A majority of voters across party lines are concerned about this threat (56% of Democrats, 53% of Independents, and 63% of Republicans).

➢ **Voters support limiting Congress' ability to overrule state election results by a 33-point margin.** Voters feel there should only be a narrow set of circumstances that allow Congress to reject a state's certified presidential election results (58%) rather than allowing Congress to have broad power to reject these results (25%). By a 2:1 margin, voters also believe it should be difficult for Congress to "throw out" a state's certified presidential election results (58% difficult / 29% easy).

➢ **Voters want the updating of the ECA to be a bipartisan effort.** Nearly two-thirds of voters (63%) say they would be more likely to support updating the ECA if it was written and proposed by both Democratic and Republican members of Congress, while just 9% of voters say that a bipartisan push would make them less likely to support an update