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From: Celinda Lake and David Mermin

Re: Recent polling on the WA-01 race¹

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Executive Summary

A recently completed Lake Research Partners survey of likely primary voters for the upcoming election in Washington's 1st Congressional District shows that nearly half of primary voters who pick a Democratic candidate in the open primary choose Darcy Burner over the other candidates, and a majority of these voters have favorable impressions of her.

Key Findings

- **Among primary voters who vote for one of the Democratic candidates on the initial ballot, Darcy Burner currently leads the pack with a decisive lead.** Burner leads with nearly half of the vote (45%), followed by Laura Ruderman (15%), Steve Hobbs (13%), Suzan DelBene (12%), Roger Goodman (10%), and Darshan Rauniyar (5%).
- **Moreover, Burner is well-regarded among primary election voters who pick a Democratic candidate in the initial ballot.** More than half (54%) of these voters have a favorable opinion of Burner, while 9% have an unfavorable opinion. DelBene is less well known, with 21% of voters having a favorable impression of her. Seventeen percent of voters have a favorable opinion of Ruderman. A majority of these Democratic voters have no impression of Ruderman or DelBene, while most are familiar with Burner.

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¹ These findings are based on 504 telephone interviews with a random sample of likely 2012 primary election voters in Washington's new 1st Congressional District. Interviews were conducted from January 23-26, 2012. Sampling error is +/- 4.4%.