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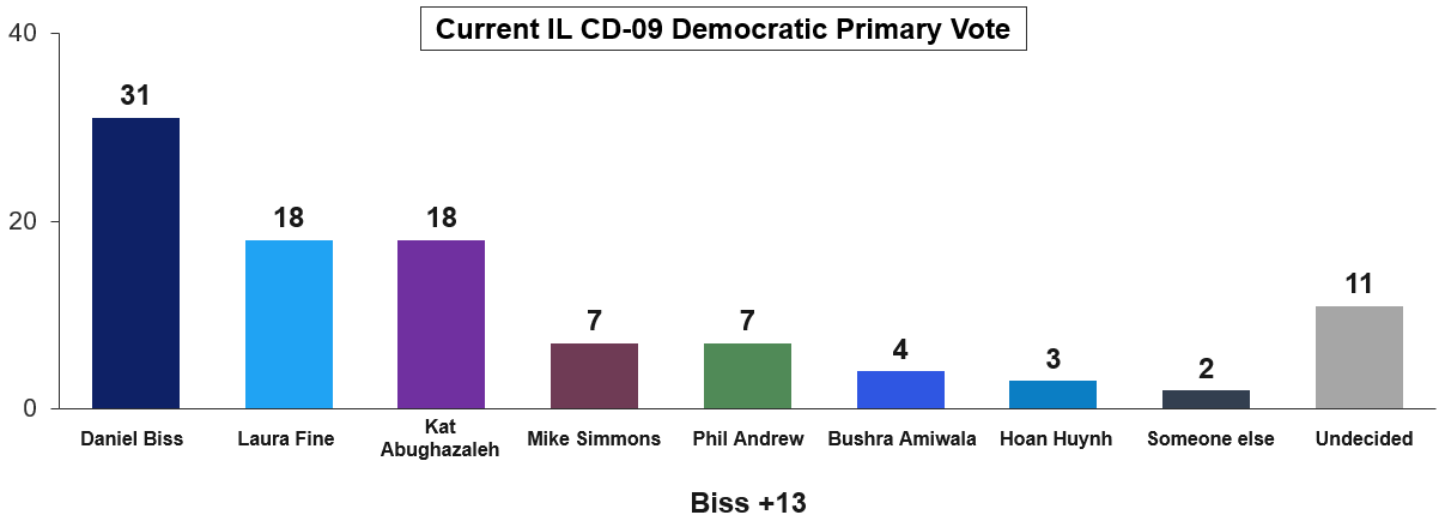
To: Interested Parties

Fr: Impact Research

Re: Biss Maintains Double Digit Lead in IL CD-09

Recent polling conducted by Impact Research among likely Democratic primary voters in Illinois' 9th Congressional District confirms that Daniel Biss remains the dominant candidate in the race. He continues to hold a durable double-digit lead in a crowded field, while also maintaining the strongest underlying fundamentals by leading all opponents in both name recognition and popularity. Below are key findings from this poll:

- **Biss remains the clear front-runner, with a durable double-digit lead.** The core dynamics of the race are unchanged since November, and in a crowded field Biss is the only candidate who has separated from the pack. Even amid significant outside spending, Biss continues to command 31% support, while no other candidate reaches 20%.



- **Daniel Biss is the most popular candidate in the field.** Biss is the only candidate with more than 50% favorability (59% favorable / 24% unfavorable). The two candidates trailing him by 13 points in the vote have worse standing with voters:
 - Laura Fine has more people who dislike her and fewer who like her than Biss (46% favorable / 28% unfavorable).
 - Kat Abughazaleh's standing is worse than Fine's (36% favorable / 31% unfavorable).

The findings and recommendations in this memo are based on N=500 interviews of likely 2026 Democratic primary voters in IL CD-09, conducted via phone and text-to-web from February 5-10, 2026. The expected margin of sampling error is +/- 4.4% overall and is higher for subgroups.