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## Emily Skopov Within Striking Distance of Mike Turzai in HD 28

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Pennsylvania House Speaker Mike Turzai is in serious trouble just weeks before Election Day. His Democratic challenger, Emily Skopov, is only down 44 – 49 percent in the race for the 28<sup>th</sup> House District.

Democrats have an advantage in a generic legislative matchup here and Governor Tom Wolf has an imposing double-digit lead over Scott Wagner in the Governor’s race—findings that further imperil Turzai in an environment where the energy is on the Democratic side in a district that President Trump carried by 8 points less than two years ago. The following are key findings from a recent survey in Pennsylvania’s 28<sup>th</sup> House District.<sup>1</sup>

- **Democrats in good shape in HD28.** Not only does a unnamed Democrat have a 45 – 41 percent advantage here in this district, but Tom Wolf leads Scott Wagner in the gubernatorial race 51 – 37 percent (53 – 39 percent with leaners).

Donald Trump’s standing is underwater here as well, with 39 percent viewing the President favorably and 54 percent holding an unfavorable view of him.

- **Voters here ready for something new.** When asked whether or not Mike Turzai should be re-elected or whether the district should send someone new to Harrisburg, just 42 percent said they would vote to re-elect Turzai. Forty-four percent said they would support someone new.
- **Skopov and Turzai locked in tight race.** Despite being far less well known at the stage than Turzai, Emily Skopov is only down 44 – 49 percent (45 – 50 percent with leaners). Among voters who know both candidates, Skopov’s lead is 57 – 42 percent with leaners.

And enthusiasm seems to be on the Democratic side here. Among the voters who screened into the survey saying they were ‘almost certain’ to vote (84 percent of all voters), Skopov and Turzai are tied 48 – 48 percent (with leaners).

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<sup>1</sup> Survey of 300 likely voters in Pennsylvania’s 28<sup>th</sup> House District was conducted by professional interviewers between September 24-26, 2018. Respondents were interviewed by live dialers and reached on land lines and cell phones. Results carry a margin of error of +/- 5.6 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.