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Poll Finds McMurray Leads Collins in New York’s 27th Congressional District

A new Tulchin Research poll of 400 likely November 2018 voters in New York’s 27th Congressional District finds that Democratic challenger Nate McMurray has taken the lead over criminally-indicted Republican incumbent Chris Collins. The poll finds McMurray on a positive trajectory with just one week remaining before the November 6th election and well positioned to win assuming he has the resources necessary to sustain his highly-effective campaign.

McMurray leads Collins by a 4-point margin, attracting 47 percent of the vote to 43 percent who choose Collins, 4 percent who choose Reform Party candidate Larry Piegza, and 6 percent who remain undecided. This demonstrates significant progress for McMurray over a relatively short period of time as our polling just three weeks ago found a tied race, with McMurray and Collins each receiving 42 percent of the vote.

New York’s 27th Congressional District		
<i>“If the election for Congress were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...?”</i>		
	October 6-8, 2018	October 25-28, 2018
Nate McMurray (D)	42%	47%
Chris Collins (R)	42%	43%
Larry Piegza (REF)	6%	4%
Undecided	10%	6%

Our previous polling found that support for Collins had eroded significantly following his arrest in August on charges of insider trading, securities fraud, wire fraud, and lying to the FBI. Now McMurray has taken the lead, presenting Democrats with a clear opportunity to flip this seat from red-to-blue.

Survey Methodology: From October 25-28, 2018, Tulchin Research conducted a survey among 400 likely November 2018 voters in New York’s 27th Congressional District using live professional interviewers dialing both landlines and cell phones as well as collecting data online. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.9 percentage points.