



**FROM:** Ken Harbaugh for Congress  
**TO:** Interested Parties  
**RE:** New Poll Results in the OH-7 Show Harbaugh Gaining  
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Results from a new internal poll conducted by Change Research show that the Harbaugh campaign is quickly putting the Ohio 7<sup>th</sup> district in play.

### **HORSERACE NUMBER SHOW HARBAUGH QUICKLY GAINING ON GIBBS**

The results show former Navy pilot Ken Harbaugh closing in on incumbent Bob Gibbs. In a district Trump won by 30 points, Harbaugh has closed the gap to 6 points (49% to 43%). Gibbs has failed to break the 50% threshold that incumbents usually need to be safe in elections. Those numbers include leaners – voters who say they are “leaning” towards one of the two candidates. Without leaners, Gibbs’s lead is 45% to 39%.

Enthusiasm is high among Harbaugh voters. Among respondents who have already voted, Harbaugh is winning this race. The poll revealed that 50% of those who have already voted cast their ballot for Harbaugh, while only 46% of those who have already voted cast their vote for Gibbs.

Harbaugh is also quickly gaining on the Gibbs campaign with key demographics. Harbaugh leads Gibbs by 5 points among women, by 5 points among women over 50, and by 3 points among independent women.

### **FAVORABILITY NUMBERS SHOW GIBBS MAY HAVE TROUBLE HOLDING ONTO SEAT**

Gibbs’s favorability numbers also reveal that the Congressman may have a tough time getting reelected in November. 40% of respondents said Gibbs was doing only a fair or poor job, while only 33% said he was doing a good or excellent job. The voters also had a mixed impression of Gibbs personally – 30% of respondents had an unfavorable view of the incumbent, while only 29% had a favorable view of the incumbent. These numbers stand in stark contrast to voters’ impression of Ken Harbaugh – 32% of voters said they had a favorable impression of Harbaugh, while only 18% said they had an unfavorable impression of Harbaugh.

### **POLL BACKGROUND**

This poll was conducted on October 25<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. 682 likely voters were interviewed, and the poll was weighted to reflect the distribution of likely voters within the district.