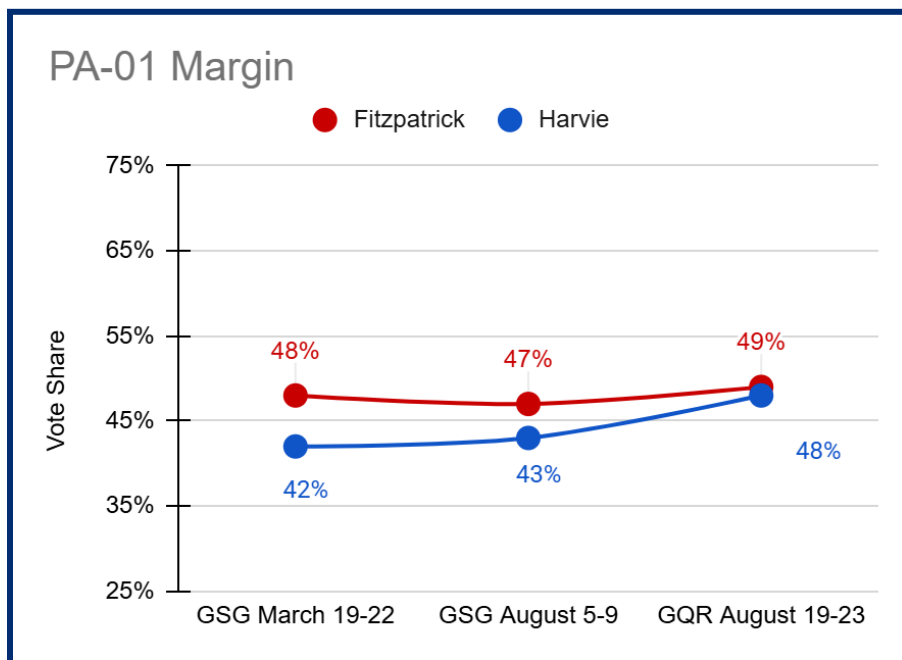

To: Interested Parties
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Subject: **STATE OF THE RACE MEMO: Bob Harvie Has Closed the Gap Against Brian Fitzpatrick As Perfect Environment Brews to Flip PA-01**

Bucks County Commissioner and Democratic candidate for Congress Bob Harvie has closed the gap on vulnerable Republican Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick as momentum continues to build behind his campaign entering the closing stretch. Polling shows a dead heat, the national Democratic Party [is financially invested](#), and Governor Shapiro is [locking arms with Harvie](#) as he runs up the score at the top of the ticket. It is becoming clear that the perfect environment is brewing to knock off Fitzpatrick in this swing Bucks County-based district.

Polling has tightened and now shows a true toss up race. Three [consecutive public polls](#) show that five-term incumbent Fitzpatrick is stuck under 50 percent while Harvie gains ground and has closed the gap. Fitzpatrick's job approval numbers are underwater with voters in each poll, and a majority prefer Democrats win control of Congress. The race is now a true jump ball.



The gap has narrowed even as Fitzpatrick has spent millions to date – largely on negative ads attacking Harvie. FEC [records show](#) that Fitzpatrick had already spent nearly \$5 million as of the end of Q2 in June – far more than he spent over the entirety of the 2024 cycle. Despite the influx in spending, Harvie has continued to gain ground as Fitzpatrick's “[nasty and unproven](#)” attacks [backfire](#). The polls have tightened even despite the spending disparity.

Now, it's Harvie's turn, and he is punching back – with help from the national party. Harvie [made a splash with his first general ad](#), calling for a moratorium on data centers and blasting

Fitzpatrick for being beholden to Big Tech. His [second ad](#) hits Fitzpatrick for changing after nearly a decade in Congress. Harvie also has outside support: [House Majority PAC](#) has reserved more than \$6 million in advertising in the district, backing efforts to unseat Fitzpatrick “[for the first time since 2020](#).” And the DCCC [launched a coordinated ad](#) hitting Fitzpatrick – the first TV investment the committee has made in PA-01 since 2020. The New York Times reports that “[the party is making its biggest play \[in PA-01\] in years in the campaign’s final sprint](#).”

Democrats could not dream of a more favorable environment. PA-01 is already fertile ground for Democrats as [one of the only Republican-held seats](#) that voted for Kamala Harris in 2024. Now winds are blowing [strongly at Harvie’s back](#) after Democrats [swept](#) all row offices, [flipped](#) the Sheriff’s office blue, and elected a Democratic District Attorney for the first time in Bucks County history in a “[blue wave](#)” November 2025 election. Fitzpatrick is now forced to contend with a national environment where [Donald Trump is historically unpopular](#), [costs from gas to groceries continue to soar](#), and voters are eager for change.

Former Fitzpatrick voters are breaking from him publicly. Registered Republican and longtime Fitzpatrick voters have told [The New York Times](#), [the Associated Press](#), and [CBS News](#) that this time, they are voting for Harvie. And Harvie will receive a boost from the top of the ticket: Governor Shapiro is a political juggernaut who will provide strong coattails down ballot. During his 2022 campaign, Shapiro won PA-01 by roughly 20 percentage points. Governor [Shapiro has endorsed Harvie](#) and is [campaigning with him](#) in the closing weeks.

Harvie is a uniquely strong candidate who will be able to get across the finish line if he has the resources he needs to communicate his message. A fourth-generation Bucks County native, Harvie is a proud card-carrying union member who spent 20 years teaching at Bucks County Technical High School. Harvie has never lost an election in Bucks County and has been elected county-wide twice. He has been touted as “[one of the strongest candidates Democrats have ever recruited](#)” to take on Fitzpatrick. The Philadelphia Inquirer profiled Harvie and declared him “[Democrats’ best chance at defeating Brian Fitzpatrick and helping win back the House](#).” Harvie is also doing something that prior Fitzpatrick challengers haven’t done: hammering the incumbent for selling out by [taking millions of dollars from corporate PACs](#) and special interest donors while costs rise for families here at home.

Now, all eyes are on PA-01. The Philadelphia Inquirer Editorial Board – which has backed Fitzpatrick in prior years – formally [endorsed Harvie’s campaign](#) and offered a scathing rebuke of the incumbent. A wave of [national reporting has attracted increased attention](#) to the race. Fitzpatrick is stumbling while Harvie is hitting his stride.

THE BOTTOM LINE: This is the cycle to finally knock off Brian Fitzpatrick, and Bob Harvie is the candidate to get it done – full stop. Polling shows the race is tied, Fitzpatrick’s torrent of spending has backfired, the national environment has become even more favorable, and Governor Shapiro will provide strong coattails at the top of the ticket. The perfect environment is emerging to flip this Bucks County-based swing district in November.

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