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**Subject: Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate in Illinois is Wide Open – Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton Benefits Most from Underwood’s Decision Not to Run**

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A poll among Democratic primary voters in Illinois finds that the race for U.S. Senate is wide open with no clear frontrunner, and that Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton benefits the most from Congresswoman Lauren Underwood’s decision not to run.

- In a 4-way matchup between candidates, 42% of voters are undecided. Raja Krishnamoorthi leads at 20% of the vote compared to 16% for Lauren Underwood, 13% for Juliana Stratton, and 8% for Robin Kelly.
- After voters learn more about the background of each candidate, Juliana Stratton jumps 13 points and into the lead with 26%. Krishnamoorthi drops 3 points to 17%, while Underwood (17%) and Kelly (9%) both pick up a single point. This suggests an ability to grow for Stratton that is not shared by other candidates.
- Now that Congresswoman Underwood has decided not to run, it is important to note that Lt. Governor Stratton is the clear second choice of those who would have supported Underwood. The informed 3-way matchup sees Stratton jump up to 33%, Krishnamoorthi move to 20%, and Kelly go to 11%.

Public Policy Polling surveyed: 674 likely Democratic primary voters from April 29-30, 2025. The margin of error is +/- 3.8%. 57% of the interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 43% by landline.

