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**Subject:** Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate in Illinois is Wide Open – Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton Benefits from Endorsements

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A new poll among Democratic primary voters in Illinois finds that the race for U.S. Senate is wide open with no clear frontrunner:

- In the initial 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.
- Lauren Underwood is the best known of the four candidates with 55% recognition, followed by Krishnamoorthi at 50%, Stratton at 42%, and Kelly at 31%.

After voters learn more about 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.

Additionally, a majority (61%) say they are more likely to vote for Stratton after hearing about her, which helps increase her lead in the informed vote. Underwood's profile is the next most appealing at 46% more likely. Followed by Kelly at 32% and Krishnamoorthi at 24%.

In a two-way race between Stratton and Krishnamoorthi, she leads 41% to 24%.

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 and 43% by landline.

