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Subject: Stratton Pulls Ahead of Krishnamoorthi in Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate

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With just two weeks to go, the latest PPP poll among Democratic primary voters in Illinois finds that Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton has pulled into the lead in the race for U.S. Senate. Stratton leads with 33%, followed by Krishnamoorthi at 30% and Congresswoman Robin Kelly at 11%.

Over our last three polls since early February, her vote share has steadily increased from 23%, to 27%, and now 33%--a 10-point gain in the last four weeks. Just one week ago, Stratton trailed Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, 27% to 29% and now she leads him 33% to 30%.

The favorability rating for Krishnamoorthi has dropped from 51 favorable/15 unfavorable, to 47/24, to now 41/30 across our three polls over the last four weeks. He's gone from a +36 net favorability rating to +9, indicating that voters are holding increasingly negative opinions about Krishnamoorthi in the closing weeks of the race. On the other hand, Stratton continues to have a strong favorable rating at 40/16 holding steady from last week (43/15).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 557 likely Democratic primary voters from March 2-3, 2026. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 63% of the interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 37% by telephone.

