

MEMORANDUM

TO: NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

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RE: WESTROM PULLS AHEAD IN MINNESOTA’S 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2014

The Tarrance Group is pleased to present the following findings from our recently completed telephone survey of N=300 registered “likely” voters in Minnesota’s Seventh Congressional District. The Tarrance Group was commissioned by the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) to conduct a telephone survey in this district. A random sample of this type is likely to yield a margin of error of $\pm 5.8\%$ in 95 out of 100 cases. Responses to the survey were gathered October 12-14, 2014.

Torrey Westrom has pulled ahead in the race for the congressional seat long held by DFL incumbent Collin Peterson. Westrom has made steady improvement throughout the campaign and now eclipses the incumbent. Turnout modeling puts the race at 48% Westrom and 46% Peterson, with only 6% undecided. Those undecided voters do not seem likely to break toward an incumbent they know so well.

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	Sept. <u>21-13</u> %	Oct. <u>12-14</u> %
Westrom	40	44
Undecided	15	13
Peterson	45	43

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