Subject: Democrats favored against Hogan in Maryland Senate race, no electability gap between Alsobrooks and Trone

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David Trone has made electability a key part of his message in the Democratic campaign for the US Senate. But PPP's newest Maryland poll finds that both Angela Alsobrooks and Trone would start out the general election as strong favorites against Larry Hogan. Alsobrooks leads him 46-37 and Trone leads him 47-37.

Alsobrooks has the best net favorability of the candidates in the race at +11 (32/21), followed by Hogan at +5 (43/38), and Trone at -3 (31/34).
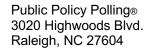
Our findings indicate the political headwinds are just too strong for Hogan to win against either Democratic candidate. Joe Biden leads Donald Trump 60-32 for re-election in the state and a generic Democratic candidate leads a generic Republican candidate for the Senate 54-33.

It speaks to Hogan's strength as a candidate that he fares 11-12 points better than a generic Republican but that still doesn't get him anywhere close to a path to victory against either Alsobrooks or Trone.

And things are more likely to get worse for him than better—for instance undecideds in an Alsobrooks/Hogan match up are voting for Biden by 20 points and support a generic Democratic candidate by 20 points—those people are a lot more likely to end up in her column than Hogan's.

Among Democratic voters Alsobrooks has a +37 favorability rating (48/11) compared to +18 for Trone (43/25). A lot of that is driven by her greater popularity among Black voters (+45 favorability at 56/11 compared to +2 at 30/28 for Trone) and young voters (+17 at 32/15 for Alsobrooks compared to -6 at 27/33 for Trone.) Strong turnout among key Democratic base groups will be important this fall and Alsobrooks has more appeal to those voters.

PPP surveyed 719 Maryland voters on May 6th and 7th on behalf of EMILYs List. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%.