

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Garin-Hart-Yang Research Group
DATE: June 1, 2016
RE: Recent Maryland 6th CD survey results

From May 23 to 25, Garin-Hart-Yang interviewed a representative sample of 400 likely general election voters (margin of error ± 5 percentage points) in Maryland's 6th CD. The following provides the key survey findings.

Congressman Delaney has strong name recognition and a positive image. Nearly four in five (78%) 6th CD voters are familiar with his name, and when asked to rate their feelings toward Delaney, he elicits positive marks by better than three to one.

Despite being the beneficiary of more than \$2 million in spending during the recent GOP primary, **Amie Hoeber still suffers from a lack of name recognition—just 31% of voters say they know her name.**

While the 6th CD (especially in a "presidential" year) has a Democratic-lean, **Congressman Delaney polls EVEN HIGHER than Hillary Clinton and Chris Van Hollen (both of whom have comfortable leads).** Clinton leads Trump by 50% to 41%, while Van Hollen has an advantage (54% to 32%) over Kathy Szeliga in the race for US Senate.

By contrast, John Delaney has a robust lead (59% to 31%) over Amie Hoeber, with just 10% of voters who are undecided. Delaney achieves his advantage by garnering better than nine in 10 Democrats, leading Hoeber by better than two to one among independents, and even receiving one-fourth of the Republican vote.

In summary, given (A) the 6th CD electorate's support for Democrats, (B) John Delaney's high name ID and strong positive image, and (C) his nearly two-to-one lead over his opponent in the initial trial heat, John Delaney is well positioned to win reelection this November.