

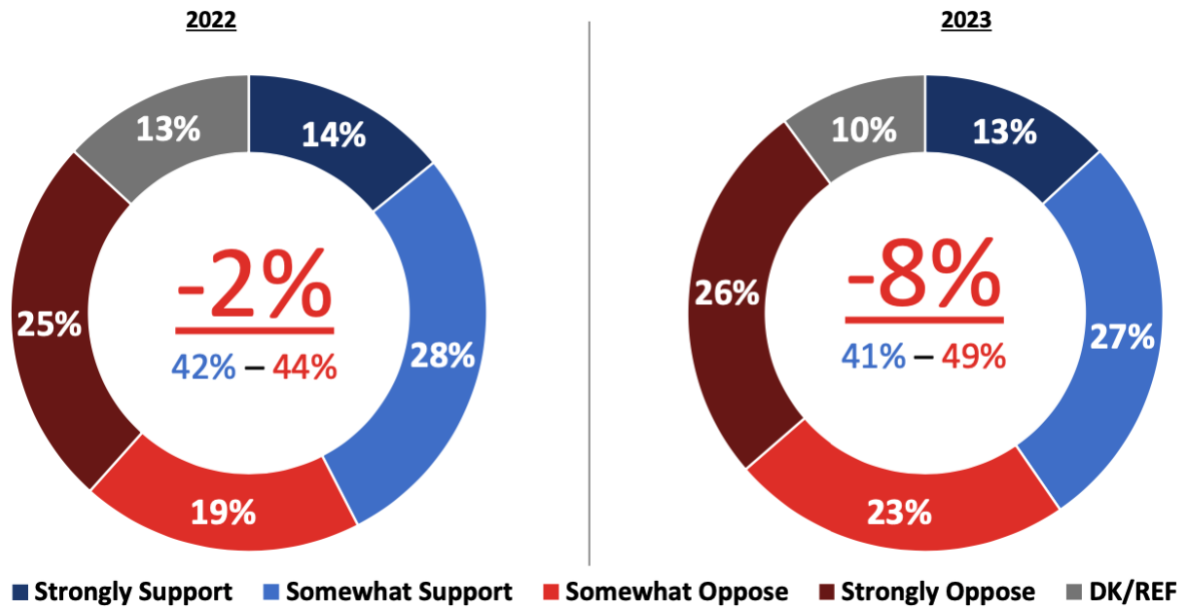


Tennesseans Support Repeal of State’s “Certificate of Need” Laws

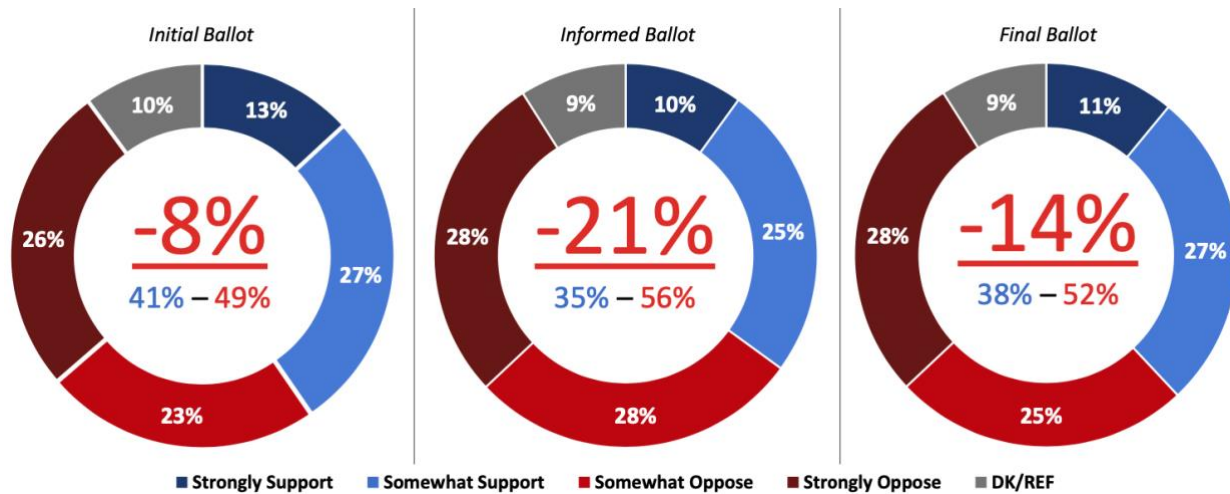
Statewide Survey Results

Public Opinion Strategies, a leading national political and public affairs survey research firm, conducted a Tennessee statewide survey of n=600 GOP primary voters. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0% in 95 out of 100 cases. Interviews were conducted November 12-15, 2023.

Without any information provided, nearly half of Tennessee Republican voters support a full repeal of the state’s “Certificate of Need” (CON) laws – up five percent from the previous year.



When given basic information about CON laws, more than half of Tennessee Republicans oppose CON laws.



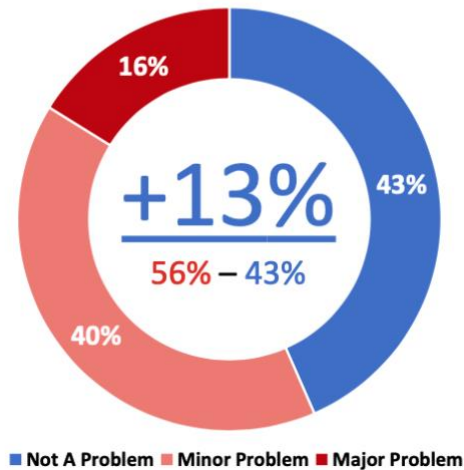
When hearing arguments from both sides, nearly two-thirds of Tennessee Republicans support repealing CON laws.

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
27%	26%	Some people want to KEEP Tennessee's Certificate of Need law because they believe it is needed to reduce waste in the health care marketplace. They say that excess capacity, such as hospitals with too many empty beds, results in high fixed costs being passed along to patients.
53%	65%	Other people want to REPEAL Tennessee's Certificate of Need law because they do not believe unelected bureaucrats influenced by political pressures and well-funded lobbying efforts should be able to block the building of new medical facilities that local communities and patients need. They believe the law prevents competition which limits access to quality health care services and contributes to higher health care costs.

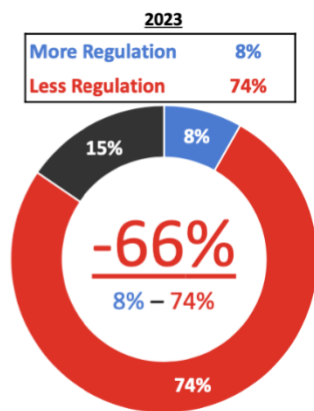
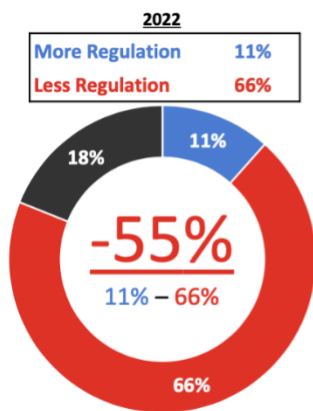
CON laws reduce access to the quality care Tennesseans depend on – and a majority of Tennesseans believe access to care where they live is a problem.

	2022	2023
Total Problem	47%	56%
Total Not Problem	51%	43%

“How much, if at all, do you believe access to medical care, like doctors and hospitals, is a problem where you live?”



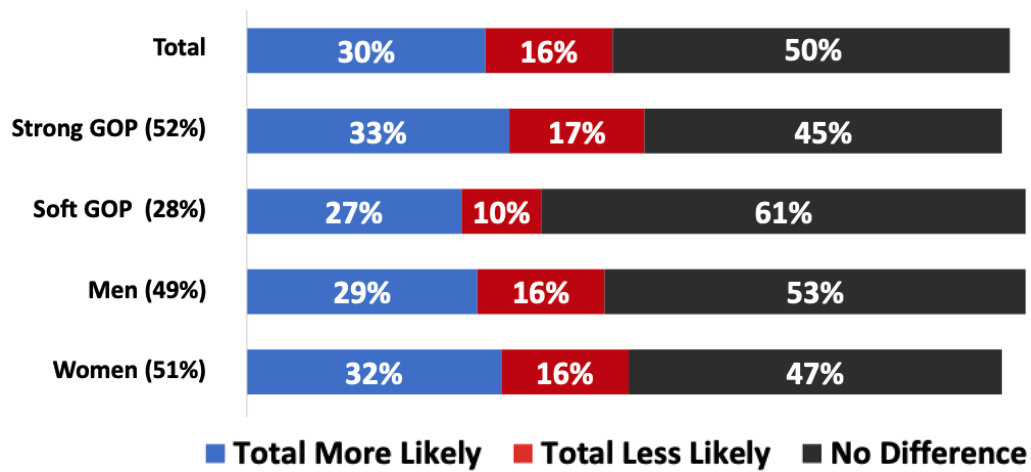
CON laws empower unelected government bureaucrats over patients and local communities to make critical health care decisions. Nearly three-quarters of Tennessee Republicans believe we need less government regulation in healthcare.



“When it comes to health care, do you think we need more government regulation, less government regulation, or do you think we have about the right amount of government regulation of health care today?”

■ More Regulation ■ Less Regulation ■ Right Amount

There is no political risk in supporting CON Repeal – eight-in-ten Tennessee Republican voters would be more likely to vote for a legislator who supports repeal or say the issue would not matter to them.



THE BOTTOM LINE

TENNESSEANS ACROSS THE STATE SUPPORT A FULL REPEAL OF TENNESSEE'S CON LAWS TO ENSURE INCREASED ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CARE AND MORE CHOICES FOR PATIENTS.