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Monroe County Voice of the Voter/Siena College 25th Congressional District Poll: Slaughter Lead Over Brooks Down to 5 Points – 49-44% Obama Continues to Have Double Digit Lead Over Romney

Loudonville, NY. Over the last three weeks, Republican Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks has cut Democratic Congresswoman Louise Slaughter’s lead in half from 10 points down to five points. Slaughter is supported by 49 percent of likely voters (down from 52 percent on September 27th) compared to 44 percent for Brooks (up from 42 percent), according to a new Monroe County Voice of the Voter/Siena College Research Institute poll of likely 25th C.D. voters released today.

“The race has tightened up as Slaughter’s double digit lead is now half of what it was three weeks ago and she has fallen, barely, below the magic 50 percent mark,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. “Brooks has made up some ground in Rochester, although Slaughter continues to have a huge lead in the city, and Brooks also slightly increased her lead in the rest of the district outside Rochester.

“Slaughter lost a little ground with both Democrats and Republicans. Previously,

she had nearly twice as much support among Republicans as Brooks had with Democrats. Now, both candidates are doing virtually the same in holding on to voters of their own party,” Greenberg said. “Brooks, however, has seen an 11-point lead with independent voters cut to three points. Slaughter continues to lead the race overall, largely because Democrats have a nine-point enrollment advantage in the district.”

The race for president among likely voters in the 25th CD was virtually unchanged as President Obama leads Mitt Romney 52-39 percent. It had been 53-39 percent three weeks ago.

If the election was today, who would you vote for?				
		Louise Slaughter	Maggie Brooks	Don't Know/ Not Voting
25 th CD	Oct. 14	49%	44%	6%
	Sept. 27	52%	42%	6%
Democrats	Oct. 14	81%	16%	2%
	Sept. 27	86%	11%	3%
Republicans	Oct. 14	16%	78%	5%
	Sept. 27	21%	76%	3%
Independents	Oct. 14	44%	47%	9%
	Sept. 27	39%	50%	11%
Rochester	Oct. 14	69%	24%	7%
	Sept. 27	75%	19%	6%
Rest of Monroe County in 25 th CD	Oct. 14	43%	50%	6%
	Sept. 27	46%	48%	6%
Siena College Poll – October 14, 2012				

“The President continues to have a strong lead over Governor Romney in this district, with virtually no change among voters in the whole district and very little change among voters based on party or gender,” Greenberg said. “There was, however, significant movement based on age. While Obama led comfortably among voters under 55 years of age and those 55 and older three weeks ago, he now has a nearly two-to-one lead among voters under 55, and the two are nearly even among the older voters with Obama ahead 47-44 percent.

“In the last three weeks this has gone from a 10-point race to a five-point race. What will happen over the next three weeks as the avalanche of commercials, mail and phone calls only intensifies? How much more money will the national parties and the groups making independent expenditures invest in this race between two dynamic well-known candidates? To paraphrase Bette Davis’s oft-quoted classic film line, fasten your seat belts, it’s going to be a bumpy ride. It appears that an already interesting race has become a little bit more interesting,” Greenberg said.

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This Monroe County Voice of the Voter/Siena College 25th C.D. survey was conducted October 7-11, 2012 by telephone calls to 800 likely voters. A likely voter screen was applied to the sample of registered voters that had been statistically adjusted to reflect party registration, gender and age. It has a margin of error of \pm 3.5 percentage points. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.