

To: Interested Parties

From: GBAO

Date: August 14, 2026

Michigan Survey Results

In the immediate aftermath of the Michigan primary, a new poll shows Abdul El-Sayed leading Mike Rogers by 6 points (50 to 44 percent) in the U.S. Senate race. El-Sayed benefits from a very strong Democratic political environment and an electorate that has become very negative toward Donald Trump, less than two years after his narrow Michigan victory in 2024.

The following are GBAO's key findings based on a survey¹ of 800 Michigan likely voters conducted August 6-10, 2026.

Key Findings

- **Michigan voters have moved dramatically against Trump.**
 - Trump receives extraordinarily poor assessments of his job performance (39 percent approve / 58 percent disapprove, including 50 percent *strongly* disapprove), and voters do not like Trump personally (35 percent favorable / 57 percent unfavorable).
 - Trump is particularly weak among Independents (32 percent approve / 66 percent disapprove), women (32 percent approve / 64 percent disapprove), and voters under 40 years-old (29 percent approve / 68 percent disapprove).
- **The political environment is very favorable for Democrats as we head into the fall campaign.**
 - In this state that typically divides evenly along partisan lines, Democrats currently enjoy a 3-point party ID advantage (and 5-point advantage with Independent leaners).
 - Michigan voters want Democratic control of the U.S. Senate (47 percent Democratic control / 41 percent Republican control), driven heavily by Independents.

¹ GBAO conducted a survey of 800 Michigan likely voters August 6-10, 2026, via live-caller and text-to-online interviews with respondents contacted on both landlines and cell phones. Interviews are weighted on demographic and political variables to align with estimates for the November 2026 likely general electorate. The results are subject to a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.



- **As the general election battle begins – and in the days after a very close Democratic primary – El-Sayed leads Rogers by 6 points.**
 - El-Sayed 50 percent / Rogers 44 percent
- **Partisans on both sides have already begun consolidating behind their Party's candidate, and El-Sayed's lead is driven by Independents.**
 - Among Democrats, El-Sayed leads 95-3.
 - Among Republicans, Rogers leads 97-3.
 - Among Independents, El-Sayed leads 49-40.