

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: David Beattie, Hamilton Campaigns
DATE: April 22, 2010
RE: Race Tied in New Mexico CD2

The Congressional race in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District is now a statistical tie between Harry Teague and former Congressman Steve Pearce (47% Teague – 46% Pearce – 8% undecided). The race has narrowed since last August in our internal polling, as well as in Congressman Pearce's polling in February. Today, Harry Teague has a higher favorable image and job rating than he did in August 2009, and Steve Pearce is viewed less favorably by voters than he was last August.

Polling in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District*

<u>Pollster</u>	<u>Field Dates</u>	<u>MoE</u>	<u>Harry Teague</u>	<u>Steve Pearce</u>	<u>Undec.</u>	<u>Net Teague</u>
Hamilton Campaigns	4/6-8/10	± 4.4	47	46	8	+1
The Tarrance Group (Pearce Internal poll)	2/16-18/10	± 4.9	44	48	8	-4
Hamilton Campaigns	8/25–27/09	± 4.9	42	52	6	-10

**Percentages read across.*

Today, Teague is in a better position for reelection, better known, and viewed more positively than he was in August 2009. In the 2008 U.S. Senate race, Tom Udall defeated Steve Pearce in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District while Pearce was the incumbent Congressman (52% Udall – 48% Pearce). Teague is positioned to win this November with a well-funded effort that reminds voters of Pearce's pay-to-play record, history of ethical challenges, opposition to stronger border security and anti-veteran votes that caused him to lose the U.S. Senate race.