Table A.1: Descriptive Statistics

Variable (Definition & Source)	Mean	Std. Dev.
LES Relative to Expectations[a]: 1 = below expectations, 2 = meets expectations, 3 = exceeds expectations, from the Congress leading up to reelection.	1.85	0.77
Number of Quality Primary Challengers[b]: Number of challengers with prior electoral success.	0.07	0.31
Number of Viable Primary Challengers[d]: Number of challengers who raised > 15 percent of preprimary receipts.	0.06	0.27
Lagged Primary Vote[d]: Incumbent's share of the primary vote in previous primary election.	0.88	0.20
District Partisanship[e]: District presidential vote for the incumbent's party minus national presidential vote.	8.83	11.68
Ideologue[c]: Degree of ideological extremism (Democratic liberalism and Republican conservatism).	0.63	0.37
Female[d]: 1 = incumbent is a woman.	0.11	0.32
Power Committee[a]: 1 = incumbent sits on Appropriations, Rules, or Ways and Means.	0.25	0.43
Party Leader[a]: 1 = incumbent is in a party leadership position.	0.04	0.20
State Legislative Term Limits[d]: 1 = state legislature in the incumbent's state has term limits.	0.25	0.43
Number of Same-Party Primary Challengers[b]: Number of same-party primary challengers, regardless of quality.	0.44	0.91
Seniority[a]: Terms of incumbent seniority.	5.13	4.02
Majority Party[a]: 1 = incumbent is in majority party.	0.57	0.50
Chair[a]: 1 = incumbent is a committee or subcommittee chair.	0.27	0.44
Primary win[d]: 1 = incumbent won the primary.	0.99	0.10

The variables were created by the authors from the following data sources: [a]Volden and Wiseman (2014) data at www.thelawmakers.org. [b]Porter and Treul (2019). [c]Bonica (2014). [d]Thomsen (2020). [e]Jacobson and Carson (2016).