

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group & Public Opinion Strategies
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RE: **NEW POLL RESULTS – Indiana midterm voters strongly back fuel efficiency standards**

Indiana voters overwhelmingly support continuing fuel efficiency standards that require newer vehicles to get an average of 25 miles per gallon with a planned increase to 40 miles per gallon by 2025, according to a recent bipartisan poll conducted by Democratic polling firm Global Strategy Group and Republican polling firm Public Opinion Strategies on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Voters feel strongly that these standards should be kept in place, believing that they have a positive impact on public health in Indiana and the state's economy.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group and Public Opinion Strategies' recent poll of 601 likely November 2018 voters statewide are as follows:

- **Voters strongly favor requiring automakers to continue meeting fuel efficiency standards:** Just over two-thirds (68% favor/27% oppose) support continuing fuel efficiency standards requiring that cars manufactured in 2011 get an average of 25 miles per gallon, with a planned increase to 40 miles per gallon by 2025. Further, nearly half (47%) "strongly" favor continuing these standards. Support for the standards remains robust (59% favor/35% oppose) even after a simulated back-and-forth debate on the issue, during which voters heard strong attacks from opponents of the standards that frame them as a partisan Obama policy that President Trump wants to reconsider and claim the standards will lead to job losses and higher car prices.
- **Support for fuel efficiency standards spans partisan lines:** Majorities from each party support continuing existing fuel efficiency standards, including nearly nine in ten Democrats (88% favor/8% oppose), three-quarters of Independents (77%/19%), and just over half of Republicans (51%/43%).
- **Voters believe that fuel efficiency standards are good for public health and Indiana's economy:** After a simulated back-and-forth debate on the issue, voters overwhelmingly believe the standards will have a positive impact on air quality and public health in Indiana (65% positive impact/23% no impact/7% negative impact). Voters are also 21 points more likely to believe the standards will have a positive impact on jobs and the economy in Indiana than a negative impact (46% positive/23% no impact/25% negative).

ABOUT THIS POLL: Global Strategy Group and Public Opinion Strategies conducted a statewide survey among a representative sample of 601 likely November 2018 general election voters in Indiana from April 19 to 23, 2017. The results of this survey have a margin of error of +/-4.0%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on historical turnout.