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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Large Majority Consider Air Pollution a Serious Problem; Regional Transportation Modernization Plan Attracts Bipartisan Support in 11 States Surveyed**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a large majority of voters consider air pollution to be a serious problem, and regional action to reduce pollution from the transportation sector attracts bipartisan support among voters across the Northeast and Mid Atlantic states. Air pollution is a concern for 73% of those polled, while only 5% of respondents do not consider it a problem at all. 83% think that cars and trucks contribute either a great deal (42%) or somewhat (41%) to air pollution, and there is significant bipartisan support for state and regional plans to address transportation-related air pollution.

- Nearly three-in-four voters (74%) across the Northeast and Mid Atlantic support a regional plan for modernizing our transportation system and limiting air pollution by investing in electric vehicles, public transportation, and safer communities for walking and biking. This proposal attracts strong bipartisan support; 81% of Democrats, 67% of Republicans, and 69% of Independents support the regional plan.
- 71% of voters support their own state governments taking action to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks by investing in the state transportation system and relying more on fuel-efficient, electric cars and trucks, mass transit, and other public transportation options. There is strong bipartisan backing for action; 79% of Democrats, 59% of Republicans, and 65% of Independents strongly or somewhat support their state taking such steps to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- A large majority (68%) of voters consider climate change to be a very serious (48%) or somewhat serious (20%) problem.
- A plurality of voters (39%) think their state government is doing too little to address air pollution from cars and trucks. Just 15% think their state is doing too much.
- 73% strongly (50%) or somewhat (23%) favor requiring the auto industry to continue to meet increased fuel efficiency standards.
- 53% think a regional transportation modernization plan will have a positive effect on people's health, and a plurality (49%) think it will have a positive effect on jobs.

PPP surveyed 4,037 voters across the Northeast and Mid Atlantic (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont + DC) from May 31-June 1, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 1.6%. 60% of interviews for the poll were conducted over the phone with 40% interviewed over the internet to reach respondents who don't have landline telephones.

