



MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Lori Weigel & Kathryn Hahne / New Bridge Strategy

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RE: National Survey Shows Support for Clean Energy Manufacturing and Infrastructure

Centerline Action commissioned New Bridge Strategy, a Republican polling firm, to conduct a national survey of voters¹, which found broad, bipartisan support for clean energy manufacturing and infrastructure investments. The poll also found support from a bipartisan majority for curbing emissions that contribute to climate change and a desire among voters to see their Members of Congress working together to break gridlock in Washington.

Specifically, the survey found that:

- **Strong majorities of voters across the partisan spectrum support clean energy manufacturing and infrastructure investments.** Respondents were provided with a brief explanation of some of these recently enacted investments and incentives:

“Over the last two years, the US government has dedicated funding to help states address a number of energy issues and reduce emissions, as well as provide tax incentives for homeowners and businesses to reduce and change their energy use. These laws include things like:

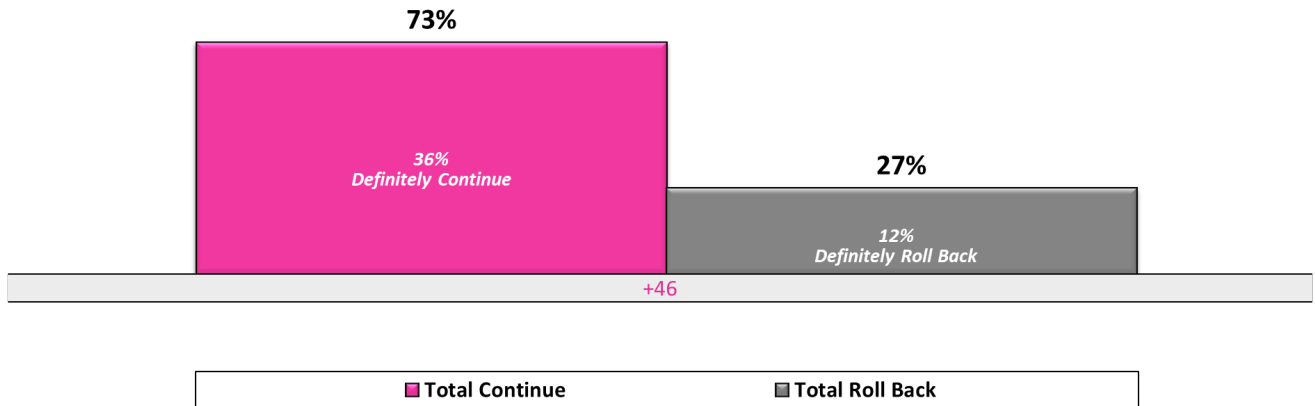
*Modernizing and improving the electric grid;
Helping homeowners and businesses become more energy efficient;
Providing tax credits for the production of clean renewable energy like wind and solar power; and
Providing incentives for domestic manufacturing and purchase of electric vehicles, trucks and buses in the U.S.”*

Nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of American voters say that we should continue funding these programs, with 36 percent feeling strongly. In contrast, just 27 percent prefer to roll them back (12 percent feel strongly). **Majorities of voters across party lines (53 percent of Republicans, 77 percent**

¹ **Methodology:** From April 25-26, 2023, New Bridge Strategy completed 807 interviews among registered voters throughout the United States. Interviews were conducted online, with quotas set by region of the country and key demographics such as gender, age and ethnicity. The credibility interval (analogous to margin of error) for the full sample is +/-3.95 percent; margins of sampling error for subgroups within the sample will be larger. Some percentages may sum to more than 100 percent due to rounding.

of independents and 89 percent of Democrats) say that this funding should be continued rather than rolled back.

Views of Federal Energy Investments



- **When voters are provided with two different points of view on this issue, they side with maintaining investments and incentives for clean energy manufacturing and infrastructure.** Respondents were provided with the following statements and asked which one they agree with more:

70% America relies too much on energy from foreign countries. These investments and tax incentives help move us toward energy independence by ensuring we can produce more energy here at home and create jobs by manufacturing more energy components in the US.

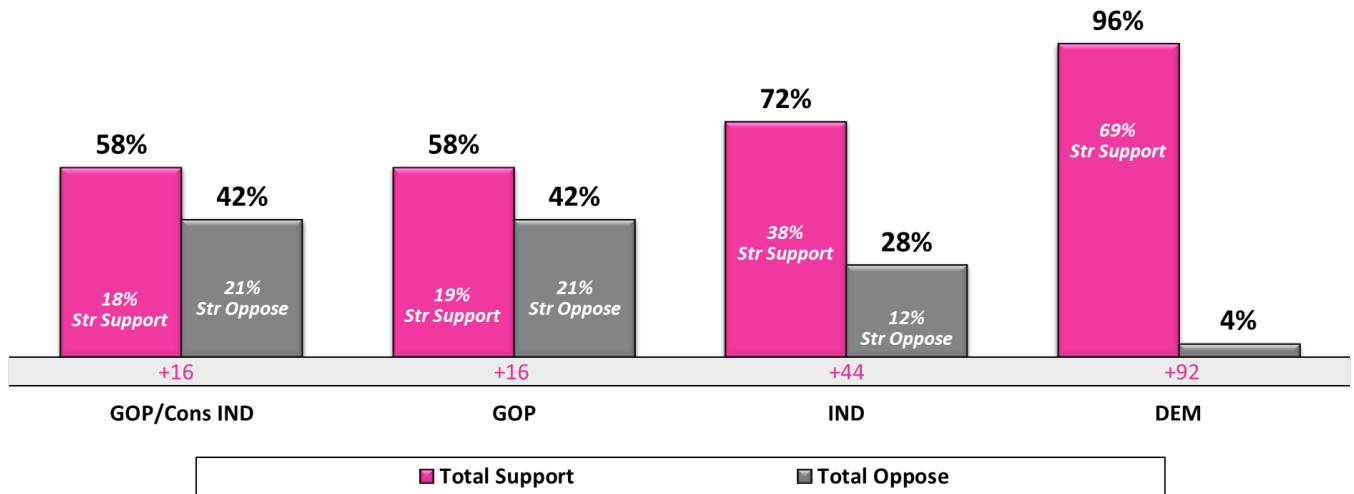
...OR...

30% These investments and tax incentives are an expensive wealth transfer from rural, low-income Americans to Wall Street and big corporations, and increases our reliance on China for critical components to produce energy.

Support for these investments is solid across party lines and all demographic sub-groups. For example, **fully 63 percent of Republicans side with those backing continued investment**, while 37 percent side with critics of this funding.

- **More than three-quarters of U.S. voters also want to see the government taking action to reduce the carbon pollution that contributes to climate change.** Fully 77 percent support “the United States government taking action to reduce the carbon pollution that contributes to climate change.” Only 23 percent oppose this. As the following graph illustrates, majorities of all partisan sub-groups support government action to reduce carbon pollution:

Support for Government Action on Climate Change



The desire to take action is evident across all major segments of the electorate, including:

- 70% of men and 83% of women;
 - 77% of those without a college degree and 76% of those with a college or post-graduate degree;
 - 78% of labor union households, and 76% of those in a non-union household;
 - 80% of moderates, 57% of conservatives, and 96% of liberals;
 - 77% of those in the Northeast, 73% in the South, 76% in the Midwest and 83% in the West; and
 - 57% of Trump voters and 95% of Biden voters.
- **In addition, voters say they would view their U.S. Senator more favorably if he or she supported the United States government taking action to reduce the carbon pollution that contributes to climate change.** Three-in-five voters (60 percent) say this position would give them a more favorable view of their U.S. Senator, while only 19 percent say they would hold a less favorable impression and 21 percent say it would make no difference in their view. Voters are three times as likely to say it would give them a “much more favorable” impression (31 percent) than a “much less favorable impression” (10 percent).

Voters of all partisan affiliations say they would hold a more positive than negative view of their Senator if he or she supported taking action. This includes Democrats (85 percent more favorable, 5 percent less favorable, 10 percent no difference), independents (53 percent more favorable, 22 percent less favorable, and 25 percent no difference) and Republicans (39 percent more favorable, 32 percent less favorable, and 29 percent no difference).

- **Finally, it is worth noting that all voters say they want our leaders in Washington to work together to break partisan gridlock.** We asked voters throughout the country “in the months ahead, will you be watching more closely to see if Members of Congress...”

66% Work together to break partisan gridlock and get things done

...OR...

34% Stand strong on principle and do not give in to political pressure

It is worth noting that a majority of every single demographic sub-group wants their Member of Congress to work together and get things done. This includes majorities of most key partisan sub-groups, including conservatives (53 percent work together), self-identified “strong” Republicans (52 percent) and Trump voters (56 percent).

In summary, voters across the political spectrum do not support rolling back clean energy infrastructure and manufacturing investments and tax incentives, favor actions to reduce carbon emissions, and want to see our leaders break through partisan gridlock.