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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Broad Support from Wisconsin Voters for Evers Transportation Provisions

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Wisconsin voters support Governor Evers' 2019-2021 budget provisions. The majority (60%) of voters believe that ensuring more Wisconsinites have access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs, fixing Wisconsin's roads, and investing in Wisconsin's schools to improve education is more important than preventing tax increases.

Voters also believe that Republican leaders in the Legislature should work with Governor Evers to find middle ground on his policy proposals. The majority (62%) of statewide voters think Republican leaders should work with Governor Evers, while only 27% think they should continue to block the Governor's proposals.

Support for working with Gov. Evers is even higher in Wisconsin's Senate District 13, represented by Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, and Assembly District 63, represented by Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos. 65% of voters in AD 63 and 63% in SD 13 believe that Republican leaders in the Legislature should work with Governor Evers, while only 31% and 32% respectively believe they should continue to block Governor Evers' proposals.

Statewide voters hold a favorable opinion of Governor Evers at 53%, while only 38% have a favorable opinion of Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, and 32% of voters have a favorable opinion of Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos. In Vos' district, Fitzgerald is also underwater in favorability, 40-43. Evers' favorability remains high even in these Republican legislative leaders' districts, where he maintains a 54% favorability in SD 13 and a 53% favorability in AD 63.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation provisions are widely supported, with 75% of voters believing the Governor and state Legislature should act now to develop a long-term solution to repair Wisconsin's roads and bridges. Voters also believe that Wisconsin's minimum markup law should be eliminated and the gas tax increased by 8 cents per gallon to fund plans to fix Wisconsin's roads and bridges, rather than dramatically raising registration fees on cars and trucks to fund road and bridge repairs:

- 62% of statewide voters prefer the elimination of minimum markup while raising the gas tax by 8 cents per gallon. Only 10% prefer raising vehicle registration fees.
- In SD 13, another 62% of voters agree more with increasing the gas tax and eliminating the minimum markup. Only 12% prefer raising vehicle registration fees.



- In AD 63, 60% of voters agree more with increasing the gas tax and eliminating the minimum markup, while only 13% agree more with raising vehicle registration fees.

Breaking down into districts, support for Governor Evers' other proposals is also high:

- In Wisconsin's SD 13, 83% of voters believe the Governor and Legislature should act now to develop a long-term solution to repair the state's roads and bridges.
- 75% of voters in Wisconsin's AD 63 also believe the Governor and Legislature should act now on a long-term solution for repairing roads and bridges.
- 69% of voters in Wisconsin's SD 13 and 61% of voters in AD 63 believe the minimum markup law should be eliminated. Only 17% of voters in SD 13 and 23% of voters in AD 63 support keeping the law in place.

PPP surveyed 572 statewide Wisconsin voters from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is +/- 4.1%. 324 voters were surveyed in Wisconsin SD 13 from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is 5.4%. 256 voters were surveyed in Wisconsin AD 63 from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is 6.1%. This poll was conducted by telephone for the Wisconsin Opportunity Coalition.



Wisconsin Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump’s job performance?

Approve 44%
Disapprove 51%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Governor Tony Evers?

Very favorable 35%
Somewhat favorable 18%
Somewhat unfavorable 14%
Very unfavorable 29%
Not sure 4%

Q3 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Robin Vos?

Very favorable 11%
Somewhat favorable 21%
Somewhat unfavorable 15%
Very unfavorable 25%
Not sure 28%

Q4 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Scott Fitzgerald?

Very favorable 16%
Somewhat favorable 22%
Somewhat unfavorable 12%
Very unfavorable 26%
Not sure 24%

Q5 As you may know, Wisconsin is in the process of passing a budget that will determine the state’s spending over the next two years. Which is more important to you- Ensuring more Wisconsinites have access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs, fixing Wisconsin’s roads, and investing in our schools to improve education, OR, preventing tax increases?

Ensuring more Wisconsinites have access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs, fixing Wisconsin’s roads, and investing in our schools 60%
Preventing tax increases 31%
Not sure 8%

Q6 After years of neglect, Wisconsin is ranked 44 th out of 50 states in road quality. 1,200 of our bridges are structurally deficient and we have 31,000 miles of road in disrepair. Our crumbling roads cost the average Wisconsin driver \$640 a year in car repairs. Do you believe the Governor and Legislature should act now to develop a long-term solution to repair our roads and bridges, or do you believe this isn’t an urgent problem?

Believe the Governor and State Legislature should act now 75%
Believe this isn’t an urgent problem 18%
Not sure 7%





Q7 Wisconsin has a law called “Minimum Markup,” which mandates that the price of gasoline at the pump be increased by 9.18 percent per gallon above the average wholesale price. This hidden fee goes directly to private businesses that own gas stations; it does not go to fix Wisconsin’s roads or bridges. Repealing the minimum markup mandate would reduce gasoline prices by roughly 14 cents per gallon. Do you believe the “minimum markup” mandate should be eliminated, or do you think it should be kept in place?

- Believe Minimum Markup should be eliminated* 59%
- Believe Minimum Markup should be kept in place* 19%
- Not sure* 22%

Q8 I’m going to tell you about two competing funding plans to fix Wisconsin’s roads and bridges and then ask you which plan you agree with more. Here’s the first plan: Dramatically raise vehicle registration fees on cars and trucks on Wisconsin drivers based on the value of their vehicle. In Minnesota this system has been plagued with problems resulting in \$144,000 in overcharges to in-state drivers. Here’s the second plan: Increase the gas tax by 8 cents per gallon. At the same time eliminate the hidden surcharge on gasoline known as minimum markup. This plan would result in lower costs at the pump while investing in fixing our roads without tollways. Which do you agree with more?

- Raise vehicle registration fees on cars and trucks* 10%
- Increase the gas tax and eliminate the minimum markup* 62%
- Not sure* 28%

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- Think Republican Legislative leaders should work with Governor Evers*..... 62%
- Think they should continue to block his proposals* 27%
- Not sure* 10%

Q10 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump*..... 45%
- Hillary Clinton*..... 45%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 10%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman* 53%
- Man*..... 47%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* 33%
- Republican* 30%
- Independent* 37%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

- White* 88%
- Other*..... 12%



Q14 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	28%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	28%



WI SD 13 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 51%
Disapprove 43%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Governor Tony Evers?

Very favorable 34%
Somewhat favorable 20%
Somewhat unfavorable 16%
Very unfavorable 29%
Not sure 1%

Q3 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Robin Vos?

Very favorable 14%
Somewhat favorable 28%
Somewhat unfavorable 14%
Very unfavorable 22%
Not sure 22%

Q4 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Scott Fitzgerald?

Very favorable 27%
Somewhat favorable 27%
Somewhat unfavorable 6%
Very unfavorable 29%
Not sure 11%

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Ensuring more Wisconsinites have access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs, fixing Wisconsin's roads, and investing in our schools 59%
Preventing tax increases 32%
Not sure 9%

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Believe the Governor and State Legislature should act now 83%
Believe this isn't an urgent problem 14%
Not sure 3%





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- Think Republican Legislative leaders should work with Governor Evers*..... 63%
- Think they should continue to block his proposals* 32%
- Not sure* 5%

Q10 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

- Donald Trump*..... 56%
- Hillary Clinton*..... 35%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 9%

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- Woman* 53%
- Man*..... 47%

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- Democrat* 25%
- Republican* 45%
- Independent* 30%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

- White* 95%
- Other*..... 5%

Q14 If you are 18-65 years old, press 1. If older than 65, press 2.

- 18 to 65*..... 61%
- Older than 65* 39%





WI AD 63 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump’s job performance?

Approve 49%
Disapprove 49%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of Governor Tony Evers?

Very favorable 29%
Somewhat favorable 24%
Somewhat unfavorable 18%
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Not sure 5%

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Believe this isn’t an urgent problem 21%
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- Think they should continue to block his proposals* 31%
- Not sure* 4%

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- Hillary Clinton*..... 36%
- Someone else / Did not vote* 10%

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- Woman* 53%
- Man*..... 47%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat* 26%
- Republican* 38%
- Independent* 37%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

- White* 92%
- Other*..... 8%

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- 18 to 65*..... 60%
- Older than 65* 40%

