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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Climate and Environment Key Issues for Arizona Democrats; Broad Support for Environmental Policies Among Likely Primary Voters**

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 90% of likely Democratic primary voters in Arizona think climate and the environment is very important (64%) or the most important (26%) issue. This is true among voters across a wide range of demographics, including:

- 92% of African Americans, 81% of Asian and Pacific Islanders, 88% of Latinx voters, 82% of Native American or Indigenous people, 92% of white voters and 83% of voters identifying with another race or ethnicity.
- 91% of voters age 18 to 45, 88% of voters age 46 to 65, and 91% of voters over the age of 65.

A plurality (46%) of likely primary voters in Arizona do not think that the Democratic candidates for president are talking enough about climate change in their campaigns, while 40% think candidates are speaking the right amount about climate change.

There is also overwhelming support for policies addressing environmental, climate, and conservation issues.

- 93% of likely Arizona Democratic primary voters support restoring federal rules that stop polluters from putting toxins in the water and air.
- 92% oppose the construction of a wall along the United States-Mexico border.
- 90% support protecting the existing public lands next to the Grand Canyon National Park from new uranium mining claims.
- 89% support setting a new national clean energy standard requiring a majority of electricity to come from clean and renewable energy sources like solar power.



- 88% support the use of federal funds to combat the climate crisis and invest in efforts to make communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- 84% support setting a national goal of protecting 30% of the United States' land and ocean by 2030.
- 80% believe we should ban campaign donations from big oil, other fossil fuels, and utility companies.

Democratic primary voters in Arizona are also more likely to support candidates who prioritize policies that address climate change and environmental issues.

- 86% say they are more likely to support a candidate who pledges to make climate change a top issue in their administration and prioritize policies to move the United States to a 100% clean energy economy.
- 80% are more likely to support candidates with a climate change plan that prioritizes communities most affected by pollution, including lower income communities and communities of color.
- 79% are more likely to vote for candidates who support policies that encourage farmers and ranchers to implement practices that combat climate change by absorbing carbon pollution into their farmlands.

PPP surveyed 699 likely Democratic primary voters in Arizona from March 10-11, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. 65% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 35% by landline. 7% of the surveys were conducted in Spanish.