

To: Interested Parties
Fr: Lake Research Partners
Re: Support for Chemical Facility Safety
Date: October 8th, 2015

- Likely 2016 voters strongly favor a proposal to require chemical facilities to use safer chemicals and processes when they are effective, available and affordable. Overall 79 percent of likely voters support this proposal, 62 percent strongly support, and just 17 percent oppose. Support extends across self-identified partisan lines:
 - Democrats: 88 percent support, 76 percent strongly
 - Independents: 77 percent support, 60 percent strongly
 - Republicans: 70 percent support, 49 percent strongly
- Support for this proposal rests on the strong desire to keep people safe from harm. Voters believe that past chemical releases and explosions that have caused death and injury are a good reason to set stricter safety standards.
- Voters overwhelmingly believe that we need to protect the safety and security of Americans by setting new standards, and reject the notion that they would kill jobs and cause chemical facilities to move overseas.
 - 74 percent of likely voters agreed that: *“public officials should protect the safety and security of millions of Americans by setting new safety standards for chemical plants that ensure they use the safest processes that are available, effective, and affordable.”* Including 85 percent of Democrats, 75 percent of Independents, and 64 percent of Republicans.
 - 16 percent of likely voters agreed that: *“public officials should not require the use of safer processes and chemicals because they will kill jobs and cause chemical facilities to move to other countries with weaker standards”* including 8 percent of Democrats, 11 percent of Independents, and 25 percent of Republicans.
- After voters hear more information about the issue, support for requiring chemical facilities to use safer chemicals and processes increases to 82 percent, with just 15 percent opposed.

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- Strong majorities across gender, age, race, partisanship, and region support the proposal to require chemical facilities to use safer chemicals and processes. For many this is a no brainer – processes that are available, effective, and affordable should be put in place to keep Americans safe.

Lake Research Partners designed this survey, which was administered by Caravan in a national omnibus survey conducted by telephone using professional interviewers. The survey reached a total of 1,009 adults nationwide in the continental United States (508 by landline, and 501 by cell phone), including 794 likely voters. The survey was conducted from August 20-23, 2015, and has a margin of error among adults of +/- 3.1% and among likely voters of +/- 3.5%, both at the 95% confidence interval. The margin of error is higher among subgroups.