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TO: Interested Parties
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RE: Survey of n800 Likely General Election Voters in OH and PA

There is broad, bipartisan support for grid modernization

- 78% of voters support **making investments in America's electricity grid**, including strong majorities of Republicans (82%) and Democrats (78%).
- 70% of voters recognize the **grid is aging and requires modernization** or say they trust the experts – only 4% say it doesn't need any major upgrades.
- 72% of voters agree transmission **upgrades are vital for our national security** and protecting against cyberattacks, with Republicans being 10-points more likely than Democrats to agree with this message.
- Two thirds of voters **support building more transmission lines to connect clean energy and strengthen reliability**. Republicans and Independents are only 4 points behind Democrats.

Affordability and cost are the dominant concerns when it comes to electricity

- **Keeping electricity affordable is the top priority for 65% of voters**, followed by ensuring a blackout-proof grid (38%).
- **87% of voters are concerned about rising utility bills**, with 54% being very concerned—more than double those very concerned about reliability (23%).
- 57% of voters are **willing to pay more** in the short term to upgrade the grid for lower costs in the future.

Voters support power line expansion and want funding, not federal control

- **65% of voters favor allowing private companies to compete in building power lines**, with Republicans showing overwhelming support (+66 net).
- About half (49%) of voters polled **support streamlining regulations** to speed up permitting.
- Two-thirds of voters believe the **government should pay** for building major power lines that benefit several states.
- **Conversely, only 14% of voters believe the federal government should have the primary say** in approving new transmission lines, with the plurality (42%) saying it should be a local decision.
- **Voters do support landowner rights**, with a 17-point margin favoring the ability to block transmission line construction on their property.

There are value and benefits in local transmission line development according to voters

- **56% of voters would support high-voltage transmission lines in their area**, with Republicans 13 points more supportive than Democrats.
- **59% of voters believe their community would benefit**—directly or indirectly—from **transmission upgrades**.

Methodology: This probabilistic survey was conducted August 13 – 17, with 800 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of $\pm 3.46\%$. Known registered voters were interviewed via live phones and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely general election audience.

