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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Wisconsin Voters Want to See More Renewable Energy Production in Their State, and to Employ Wisconsin Workers for the Jobs

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority (57%) of Wisconsin voters want to see more development of renewable energy sources like solar and wind in their state. Renewable energy production is a key issue for Wisconsinites, with 66% saying that it is an important issue when deciding who to vote for in 2022—and nearly half (43%) say it's either the most important issue or a very important issue. Just 17% of voters say it's not important at all when deciding who to vote for in 2022.

Beyond simply increasing renewable energy production, it is also important to voters that the workers employed in renewable energy projects are fellow Wisconsinites:

- 67% believe there should be a requirement to employ Wisconsin workers on the state's renewable energy infrastructure projects. This requirement earns support across party lines, including 73% of Democrats, 69% of Republicans, and 58% of independents. Just 19% overall disagree.
- 80% support requiring renewable energy infrastructure jobs go to local workers to ensure their own community benefits economically if the costs are passed on to ratepayers. This includes 93% of Democrats, 75% of independents, and 72% of Republicans.
- 64% agree that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission—which regulates utility companies—should require developers to report to the public how many Wisconsin workers are employed to build renewable energy projects. This includes 78% of Democrats, 58% of independents, and 56% of Republicans, while just 18% overall disagree.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 557 Wisconsin voters from January 17-18, 2022. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

