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To: Interested Parties

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Over the last two weeks Harper Polling, a Republican organization, and Public Policy Polling, a Democratic organization, jointly conducted polls on the Gang of 8 immigration reform proposal in 29 states across the country. Here's what we found:

- **There is overwhelming, bipartisan support for the bill.** We found support ranging from 61% to 78% for the bill in the states we polled. That includes strong support even in red states like Montana (76%) and Utah (71%).
- **Support for the bill cuts across party lines in all the states.** This includes places like Texas (supported by 75% of Democrats, 64% of Republicans, and 63% of independents) and North Dakota (supported by 69% of both Democrats and Republicans and 65% of independents).
- **Voters will reward their leaders in Washington who support the immigration reform plan.** In every one of these states we found that voters were much more likely to vote for politicians who vote for this legislation, with few saying they would consider it a negative. Looking at the 2014 Senate landscape, 55% of voters in Alaska, 58% in Arkansas, 61% in Kentucky, 63% in Louisiana, and 60% in North Carolina said they'd be more likely to reelect their Senator if they voted yes on this bill.

- **A path to citizenship receives strong support across the board.** Overall we found anywhere from 62% to 80% of voters in the states we surveyed support this provision, including among red state Republicans.
- **GOP voters, in particular, showed strong support for the path to citizenship.** There was support for a path among 86% of Republican voters in Tennessee, 80% in Alaska, Kentucky, and South Carolina, 79% in Idaho, and 77% in Kansas to name a few examples. The numbers make it clear that Republicans are ready to get behind a path to citizenship provided they understand the strict guidelines in the current bill.

Over the last few years, we've seen a country increasingly polarized across party lines when it comes to almost all attempts to move legislation. Yet, the compromise that's been crafted on immigration reform is a rare exception to that rule. The bill that's been constructed has broad support with every segment of the electorate in every part of the country. The bipartisan immigration reform package represents a rare opportunity to cast an affirmative vote for major legislation that enjoys overwhelming support from voters of all stripes.

The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone surveys of likely voters were conducted between June 2-10, 2013. Each state poll has a minimum sample size of 500 respondents and a margin of error of less than 5%. Harper Polling conducted the surveys in Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. Public Policy Polling conducted the surveys in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, and West Virginia.