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Final Top Line Survey Results
Energy Independence Fund Statewide Poll
Sample Size: 750 Registered Voters
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INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Q1. Do you think things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten on the wrong track?

1. Right direction	283	38%
2. Wrong track	353	47%
3. Undecided	115	15%

Q2. What is the single most important problem facing Pennsylvania today? That is, the one that you would like to see resolved by your state elected officials. (DO NOT READ CHOICES – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1. Taxes	210	28%
2. Drugs/crime/violence	66	09%
3. Economy/jobs/unemployment	73	10%
4. Growth/development/traffic	16	02%
5. Streets/roads/transportation	45	06%
6. Politicians/government	53	07%
7. Immigration	15	02%
8. Healthcare/prescription drugs	67	09%
9. Medicare/social security	10	01%
10. Education/schools	63	08%
11. Gas/energy prices	19	03%
12. Environment/pollution	9	01%
13. Casinos/gambling	10	01%
14. Morality/family values	10	01%
15. Undecided/none	51	07%
16. Other	35	05%

Q3. How concerned are you about the rising costs of fuel oil, gasoline, natural gas and other traditional sources of energy in recent years- very concerned, somewhat concerned or not at all concerned?

1. Very	548	73%
2. Somewhat	161	21%
3. Not at all	40	05%

Q4. How concerned are you about global warming and the impact of greenhouse gases on the environment – very concerned, somewhat concerned or not at all concerned?

1. Very	335	45%
2. Somewhat	277	37%
3. Not at all	125	17%
4. Undecided	13	02%

Q5. How important is it for consumers and businesses to increase their use of alternative sources of energy like wind, solar, hydropower or other types of renewable power as a way to reduce our dependence on foreign oil – very important, somewhat important or not at all important?

1. Very	581	77%
2. Somewhat	141	19%
3. Not at all	22	03%
4. Undecided	7	01%

Thinking more specifically about Pennsylvania’s energy needs for a few minutes...

Q6. Pennsylvania currently spends \$30 billion dollars annually to bring in gas and other liquid fuels from outside the state to meet our energy needs. Should the state take steps to attract clean energy companies to come to Pennsylvania so that we can produce more of the fuel we need right here at home?

1. Yes	655	87%
2. No	45	06%
3. Undecided	51	07%

Q7. Do you believe it is good public policy for state government to invest tax dollars in the development of renewable alternative energy sources?

1. Yes	577	77%
2. No	116	15%
3. Undecided	56	07%

Q8. Should the state encourage private investment in alternative sources of clean, renewable energy as a way to boost energy conservation, improve the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil?

1. Yes	657	88%
2. No	53	07%
3. Undecided	38	05%

Q9. Do you believe Pennsylvania state government should use state dollars to encourage companies that manufacture bio-diesel and ethanol fuel to locate in Pennsylvania, which many believe will lessen our reliance on foreign oil?

1. Yes	500	67%
2. No	171	23%
3. Undecided	79	10%

Q10. Would you support encouraging the investment in alternative sources of clean, renewable energy in Pennsylvania if it cost you an additional one dollar per month or less in your monthly electricity bill?

1. Yes	582	78%
2. No	136	18%
3. Undecided	31	04%

Q11. Recently the governor proposed creation of a new \$850 million energy independence fund to encourage companies that manufacture and produce alternative fuels and other forms of clean, renewable energy to invest and locate in Pennsylvania. Creation of the fund would be paid for by a 45-cent surcharge on the monthly cost of a consumer's electricity bill, or approximately \$5.40 more per year. Would you support paying \$5.40 more per year if it means we will be able to increase energy conservation, stabilize energy costs for consumers and businesses and reduce our dependence on foreign oil?

1. Yes	512	68%
2. No	186	25%
3. Undecided	48	06%
4. Refuse	4	01%

Q12. Thinking more specifically about how this issue may affect your vote in the next election for state representative and senator in 2008, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for your state legislator if he or she voted to increase charges on your electric bill by 45 cents per month in order to help Pennsylvania become energy independent, or would this have no impact on your vote?

1. More Likely	245	33%
2. Less Likely	130	17%
3. No Impact	344	46%
4. Undecided	30	04%

(ROTATE Q13 – Q15)

Q13. Would you be more likely or less likely to support creation of this new energy independence fund if you learned it will help Pennsylvania compete with other states to attract clean energy companies to the state which are expected to result in a \$3.5 billion investment in our economy and create more than 35,000 good-paying jobs, or would this have no impact on your opinion?

1. More Likely	554	74%
2. Less Likely	49	06%
3. No Impact	114	15%
4. Undecided	32	04%

Q14. As you may not know, electricity bills are expected to rise rapidly in the next few years after the state-imposed rate caps expire, so reducing electricity demand with a new program that focuses on energy conservation and increased supply of alternate fuels will help stabilize rates for consumers. Knowing this, would you be more likely or less likely to support creation of this new energy independence fund, or would this have no impact on your opinion?

1. More Likely	451	60%
2. Less Likely	78	10%
3. No Impact	170	23%
4. Undecided	49	07%

Q15. Would you be more likely or less likely to support creation of this new energy independence fund if you learned it will save the average consumer \$73 per year as a result of the increased energy conservation and reduced demand for electricity, or would this have no impact on your opinion?

1. More Likely	521	70%
2. Less Likely	60	08%
3. No Impact	129	17%
4. Undecided	38	05%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

(ROTATE Q16 – Q17)

Q16. Paying less than six dollars more per year is a worthwhile investment to make if it means we can reduce our reliance on foreign oil and at the same time, help consumers stabilize energy bills over the long run. (TEST INTENSITY)

1. Strongly agree	427	57%	Total Agree: 83%
2. Somewhat agree	198	26%	Total Disagree: 13%
3. Strongly disagree	69	09%	
4. Somewhat disagree	27	04%	
5. Undecided	26	04%	
6. Refuse	4	01%	

Q17. The state should do more to encourage the use of alternative energy sources if it means we can help the environment and at the same time, give consumers and businesses the tools to reduce demand for electricity especially during peak times when usage is high. (TEST INTENSITY)

1. Strongly agree	466	62%	Total Agree: 89%
2. Somewhat agree	199	27%	Total Disagree: 09%
3. Strongly disagree	37	05%	
4. Somewhat disagree	26	04%	
5. Undecided	17	02%	
6. Refuse	5	01%	

(ROTATE Q18 - Q19)

Q18. Under the energy independence fund, rebates of up to \$100 will be given to consumers who replace inefficient air conditioners, refrigerators or other appliances with newer models that conserve energy and cost less to operate. Would you like the option to take advantage of these rebates to help cut energy bills and reduce electricity demand?

1. Yes	549	73%
2. No	147	20%
3. Undecided	46	06%
4. Refuse	8	01%

Q19. Under the energy independence fund, consumers will be able to have special meters installed in their homes as a tool to monitor and reduce energy spending especially during peak usage times. Would you like the option to have these so-called “smart” meters installed in your home as a way to help reduce energy bills and reduce demand?

1. Yes	467	62%
2. No	181	24%
3. Undecided	93	12%
4. Refuse	9	01%

Now, I just have a few more questions for demographic questions and we’ll be through...

Q20. What is your approximate age according to the following brackets: 18-29, 30-44, 45-59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	52	07%
2. 30-44	113	15%
3. 45-59	325	43%
4. 60+	249	33%
5. Refuse	10	01%

Q21. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	315	42%
2. Democrat	345	46%
3. Independent/other	60	08%
4. Refuse	30	04%

Q22. Do you consider yourself to be conservative or liberal when thinking about politics?

1. Conservative	360	48%
2. Liberal	185	25%
3. Moderate	150	20%
4. None/other	39	05%
5. Refuse	15	02%

Q23. Does any of the energy used to meet your household needs come from wind, solar, hydropower or other forms of renewable energy sources? If yes, which? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Yes, (general)	14	02%	Total Yes: 08%
2. Yes, solar	8	01%	
3. Yes, hydropower	2	00%	
4. Yes, wind	23	03%	
5. Yes, other	22	03%	
6. No	660	88%	
7. Undecided	18	02%	
8. Refuse	9	01%	

Q24. What was your total household income for 2006 according to the following income brackets – less than \$15,000, \$15 to \$30,000, \$31 to \$50,000, \$51 to \$75,000, \$76,000 - \$99,000, \$100,000 to \$200,000 or over \$200,000?

1. Less than \$15,000	28	04%
2. \$15,000 - \$30,000	94	13%
3. \$31,000 - \$50,000	134	18%
4. \$51,000 - \$75,000	152	20%
5. \$76,000 - \$99,000	111	15%
6. \$100,000 - \$200,000	89	12%
7. \$200,000+	25	03%
8. Undecided	10	01%
9. Refuse	107	14%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender

1. Male	360	48%
2. Female	390	52%

Area

- 37 (05%) 1. **Northwest** [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
- 83 (11%) 2. **Southwest** [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
- 90 (12%) 3. **The “T”/Central** [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin, Juniata]
- 98 (13%) 4. **Northeast/Lehigh Valley** [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
- 120 (16%) 5. **South Central** [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
- 165 (22%) 6. **Southeast** [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
- 83 (11%) 7. **Allegheny County**
- 75 (10%) 8. **Philadelphia**

The margin of error for a sample size of 750 is +/-3.58%
