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TO: Interested Parties
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RE: Poll Results

- Our recent polling for the NRDC Action Fund shows that a large majority of voters want the government to regulate greenhouse gases and that they are solidly opposed to Congress interfering with this task.
- When asked whether “the government should regulate greenhouse gases from sources like power plants and refineries in an effort to reduce global warming,” 60% support it and just 34% oppose it.
- A majority of voters have a favorable view of the EPA and are confident in its ability to regulate greenhouse gases.
 - 51% of voters say they are favorable to the EPA and only 40% are unfavorable.
 - 54% say they are confident in the EPA when it comes to regulating greenhouse gases and just 42% are not confident.
- Moreover, voters across party lines want the government to be doing more than it’s currently doing to hold corporations accountable for their pollution.
 - 68% say they want the government to do more to hold corporations accountable, 23% say the same and only 9% say less.
 - Even among Republicans, a strong majority (57%) want the government to do more to hold corporations accountable. Among Democrats, 86% want more accountability and 61% of Independents do as well.
- Consequently, when asked about a bill that “would suspend the EPA’s power to regulate greenhouse gases for two years,”:
 - Just 37% support it, while 53% oppose it.
 - Opposition exists across the political spectrum. Among Independents, 54% oppose it, while just 35% support it. Even Republicans are evenly split, with 45% supporting and 43% opposing it.

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The Benenson Strategy Group conducted 1,401 interviews nationwide with registered voters who are likely to vote in the 2010 U.S. Congressional elections. All interviews were conducted August 10 – August 15, 2010 by telephone using a sample of registered voters. The total data set has a margin of error of ±2.6% at the 95% confidence level. It is higher among subgroups.