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Subject: Voters Oppose Bills in Arizona Legislature, 70%+ Say They Won't Back Politicians Who Support Dark Money, Citizen Referendum and Redistricting Bills

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a trio of bills under discussion in the Arizona legislature related to campaign finance, overriding citizen initiatives and changing Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission are supported by fewer than one in four voters, and large majorities of between 66 and 78 percent of voters say they oppose the bills after hearing arguments against them. At least 70% of voters say they would be less likely to vote for any candidate for office who supported any of the bills. This coalition of voters is diverse and broad-based, and includes majorities of men and women, all age groups, Democrats, Independents and Republicans.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Just 22% of voters support SB1516 on dark money compared to 48% who oppose. After hearing arguments against the bill, 70% of voters say they oppose it including 65% of Republicans. 81% say they'd be less likely to vote for a candidate who supported the bill.
- Only 23% of voters support HCR2023 which allows politicians to override the Voter Protection Act compared to 47% who oppose. After hearing arguments against the bill, 66% of voters oppose it including 63% of Republican voters. 82% say they'd be less likely to vote for a candidate who supported the bill.
- Only 19% of voters say they support HCR2009, which would alter Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission, while a majority of 54% oppose the bill. After hearing arguments against the bill, 78% of voters oppose it including 70% of Republican voters. 73% say they'd be less likely to vote for a candidate who supported the bill.

PPP surveyed 573 Arizona voters from March 21-22, 2016. The margin of error is +/-4.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.