71% of Illinois voters support climate action plan, including new carbon pollution limits on power plants

“Recently, a proposal was made that directs the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, to establish standards for power plants to limit the amount of carbon pollution these plants can release. The plan also would increase fuel efficiency standards for new vehicles as well as set energy efficiency standards for new household appliances and new buildings. Further, the plan would increase investment in renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power.”

*Based on what you have heard, do you support or oppose this plan?*

(Source: Hart Research Associates poll, Feb. 2014; N=607 registered voters across Illinois; margin of error = +/- 4.0%)
69% of Illinois voters strongly support “diverse” energy supply

Creating more legs to the energy stool, going beyond coal and nuclear to include wind, solar, biofuels and other clean energy sources is a concept that Illinois voters already endorse.

69% of voters strongly agree that we should try to get energy “from as many diverse sources as we can, rather than primarily relying on just a few.”

Respondents were asked whether they generally agree or disagree—and then, whether they “strongly” or “somewhat” agree/disagree—with the following statements:

a. Rather than using more coal, we should move toward cleaner sources of energy.
b. Wind turbines are harmful to public health in Illinois.
c. We ought to try to get our energy from as many diverse sources as we can, rather than primarily relying on just a few.
d. Utilities should be able to block residential customers from installing solar power, energy storage and other similar systems on their property.

(Source: Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates and Public Opinion Strategies poll of Illinois voters, July 26-Aug. 3, 2014; N=404; margin of error = +/- 4.9%).