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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Majority of MI Voters Support EPA's Clean Power Plan, Disapprove of State Attorney General Bill Schuette's Efforts to Block It**

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A new poll from Public Policy Polling finds that a strong majority of voters in Michigan support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's emission-reducing Clean Power Plan, and they disapprove of State Attorney General Bill Schuette's push to file a lawsuit to block the plan from being implemented. The Clean Power Plan, which aims to place the first-ever limits on the amount of carbon pollution from power plants and promote the greater use of renewable energy resources, is backed by a 66% majority of Michiganders, 40% of whom say they "strongly favor" the plan. Just 29% of voters are in opposition. Concurrently, a 56% majority of voters disapprove of Schuette's attempt to block the plan via lawsuit to 33% who approve of the action.

Key findings from the survey include:

- The EPA's Clean Power Plan is backed by a diverse, broad-based coalition of support. Majorities of women (73%), men (57%), Democrats (88%), Independents (59%), African Americans (82%), Whites (64%), voters under 45 (65%), voters 46 to 65 (67%), and voters over 65 (66%) are in favor of the plan.
- Attorney General Schuette's popularity takes a nosedive once Michigan voters learn of his intentions to block the Clean Power Plan. At the outset of the poll, before hearing anything about the EPA's plan, 37% of voters said Schuette's positions were out of step with their own. After hearing about the plan, and Schuette's efforts to thwart it, however, that number rises 12 points to a 49% plurality of voters in Michigan.
- Disapproval of Schuette's lawsuit against the Clean Power Plan is shared by a broad swath of voters in Michigan. Majorities of women (60%), men (52%), Democrats (86%), African Americans (81%), Whites (52%), voters 18 to 45 (61%), voters 46 to 65 (55%), and voters over 65 (50%) are all unified in their opposition to Schuette's obstructive legal action.

PPP surveyed 527 Michigan voters from September 15-16, 2016. The margin of error is +/-4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

