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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Majority of CO Voters Support EPA's Clean Power Plan, Disapprove of State Attorney General Cynthia Coffman's Efforts to Block It**

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A new poll from Public Policy Polling finds that a strong majority of voters in Colorado support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's emission-reducing Clean Power Plan, and they disapprove of State Attorney General Cynthia Coffman'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 60% majority of Coloradoans, 47% of whom say they "strongly favor" the plan. Just 37% of voters are in opposition. Concurrently, a 51% majority of voters disapprove of Coffman's attempt to block the plan via lawsuit to 39% 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 (63%), men (56%), Democrats (93%), Independents (56%), Hispanics (71%), Whites (61%), voters under 45 (65%), voters 46 to 65 (55%), and voters over 65 (59%) are all in favor of the plan.
- Attorney General Coffman's popularity takes a nosedive once Colorado voters learn of her intentions to block the Clean Power Plan. At the outset of the poll, before hearing anything about the EPA's plan, just 29% of voters said Coffman's positions were out of step with their own. After hearing about the plan, and Coffman's efforts to thwart it, however, that number rises 17 points to a 46% plurality of voters in Colorado.
- Disapproval of Coffman's lawsuit against the Clean Power Plan is shared by a broad swath of voters in Colorado. Majorities of women (51%), men (50%), Democrats (85%), Hispanics (60%), Whites (52%), and voters 18 to 45 (55%) are all unified in their opposition to Coffman's obstructive legal action.

PPP surveyed 512 Colorado voters from September 15-16, 2016. The margin of error is +/-4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

