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To: Interested Parties

Fr: ALG Research / The Tyson Group

Re: **Arizonans Strongly Support a Proposal to Reduce Corruption and Protect Voting Rights**

Recent bipartisan polling in Arizona finds that reducing political corruption and protecting voting rights are high priorities to swing state voters. There is also overwhelming support for proposals to crack down on political corruption, protect voting access and voting rights, and to reduce the influence of big money in the political system.

Key Takeaways

- **Arizonans would rather see Congress focus on reducing political corruption and ensuring elections are fair and accurate than on creating jobs or rebuilding infrastructure.** Protecting the freedom to vote (68% extremely important, reducing political corruption (65%), and ensuring elections are fair and accurate (65%) are all seen by Arizonans as more important for Congress to address than high-profile issues like creating jobs (46% extremely important), lowering healthcare costs (37%), rebuilding the country's infrastructure (36%), and raising the minimum wage to \$15 (20%).
- **There is near-universal support for a proposal to reduce political corruption, prevent special interests from buying elections, strengthen ethics laws, and protect voting rights.** Overall, 88% of Arizona voters support this proposal, including 69% who support it strongly. This proposal garners support from 95% of Biden voters and 81% of Trump voters statewide. The table below shows how wide-reaching support is for this policy in Arizona.

ALG Research and the Tyson Group conducted N=600 interviews with likely November 2022 general election voters in Arizona. Bilingual interviews were conducted between May 1-5, 2021, with 76% of interviews completed via cell phone, including both live interviews and SMS texts to a web survey. Respondents were selected at random, with interviews apportioned geographically based on past voter turnout. Expected margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.0\%$ with a 95% confidence level.

Proposal Language Tested

Here is a proposal that people are discussing in Congress. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal.

A proposal to reduce political corruption by helping to prevent billionaires and special interests from buying elections, by preventing foreign money from coming into America's elections, and by strengthening ethics laws to stop politicians from enriching themselves. It would also protect the freedom to vote and guarantee the ability to vote early and vote by mail for all eligible Americans.

PROPOSAL SUPPORT BY SUBGROUP

	% Support	% Oppose	% Don't Know
Arizona Total	88	8	4
White	88	7	4
Latino	86	11	2
Men	88	10	3
Women	88	7	5
Democrats	96	2	1
Republicans	85	10	5
Independents	84	10	5

And by an 8:1 margin, Arizonans are more likely to vote for a member of Congress who supports this proposal (64% more likely / 8% less likely), with 39% saying it would make them *much* more likely to support a member of Congress.

- **Arizonans say sweeping reforms are needed to reduce political corruption and ensure elections are fair and accurate.** More than two-thirds of Arizona voters (70%) would prefer to make sweeping reforms now to reduce political corruption over a slower approach that would result in fewer reforms (21%). Voters also favor sweeping reforms to ensure elections are fair and accurate by a wide margin (58% action now / 28% slower approach).
- **A majority of Arizona voters backs reforming the filibuster to pass legislation to reduce political corruption.** Overall, fifty-six percent of voters favor either eliminating the filibuster (27%) or reforming it to pass legislation to reduce corruption (29%). Most Independents also support reforming the filibuster for this purpose (53% total), as do most white (56%) and Latino voters (60%).

- **Voters also widely support specific components of this proposal.** Each of the specific components of the proposal tested were supported by at least 73% of voters. Proposals to provide more transparency and limits on lobbyist activities (96% support), to make political and dark money contributions transparent (92%), to crack down on voter intimidation (90%), and to end partisan gerrymandering (88%) are all extremely popular.

Opinions on Policy Proposals	% Support	% Oppose	% Don't Know
Providing more transparency into lobbyist fundraising and putting more limits on their power in Washington.	96	2	2
Making nearly all political contributions fully transparent, including dark money contributions and contributions to super PACs.	92	5	2
Strengthening election security and accuracy by ensuring all votes are recorded on paper ballots that can be accurately recounted.	91	8	1
Cracking down on efforts to restrict voting by increasing criminal penalties for voter intimidation and for false or misleading information intended to prevent people from voting.	90	6	4
Ending partisan gerrymandering - to ensure congressional districts are drawn fairly and to stop politicians from choosing their voters by drawing their own district lines.	88	8	5
Guaranteeing voters in every state the right to vote early and the right to vote by mail.	73	23	4