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BY MORE THAN 2 TO 1, ARIZONANS WANT THEIR CONGRESSMEN TO SUPPORT THE SENATE IMMIGRATION REFORM MEASURE

Phoenix, Arizona, July 31, 2013. By a ratio of 56 percent to 25 percent, Arizonans want their Congressmen to support the Senate immigration reform measure passed by the Senate and supported by both Arizona senators.

Support for the measure rises to 65 percent in Pima County and is in excess of 60 percent among registered Independents, Democrats and both middle and upper families.

The measure is highly divisive among Republicans with a plurality (44%) favoring their congressmen approving the Senate measure, but 41 percent opposed.

Women also part company with men on this question in that 60 percent support while only 18 percent oppose their congressmen voting for the Senate measure. Men are more divided: 52 percent in favor but 32 percent opposed.

The question also exposed generational division with support rising sharply among younger voters but in all age groups, a majority favor the Senate measure.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2013-III-01), is based on 701 interviews with heads of household statewide including 438 registered voters statewide, conducted between July 8 and July 21, 2013. Interviewing was conducted in both English or Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.8 percent of what they would have been had the entire population been surveyed and 4.8 percent had the entire voter population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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STATISTICAL DATA

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"An immigration reform bill recently passed the U.S. Senate with the support of both Senators from Arizona. It provides an earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United Sates, doubles the border control, completes more miles of border fence, reforms the farm worker program and requires employers to verify the legal status of people they hire. When this bill goes to the U.S. house of representatives, do you want your congressmen to support or oppose the immigration reform bill as passed by the U.S. Senate?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
Statewide	56%	25%	19%
Maricopa	55	26	19
Pima	65	18	17
Rural	52	29	19
Democrat	68	23	9
Independent	62	20	18
Republican	44	41	15
Caucasian	54	25	21
Latino	65	25	10
Other	61	24	15
Under \$45K income	50	25	25
\$45K to \$64.9K	63	26	11
\$65K +	66	23	11
Men	52	32	16
Women	60	18	22
Under 35	64	16	20
35 to 54	54	25	21
55 or older	51	32	17

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