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This survey research sought to explore voter opinions in different legislative districts in different parts of the state ranging from Boston and Worcester to Merrimack Valley and Metro West. There were 2,048 respondents in the IVR survey conducted in English with calling hours on week days and weekends during the day and in the evening. This memo serves to summarize the key findings.

Environmental issues very important to voters

Nearly 90% of respondents said that environmental issues were very (58.7%) or somewhat (31.1%) important to them.

Just 1.7% of respondents said environmental issues were not at all important to them.

With numbers this strong, it is not surprising that environmental issues are very or somewhat important among all subgroups. Notably, 79.1% of Republicans, 91.2% of respondents over 65, and 84.8% of men.

Support remains high when you get into specifics

Respondents were asked to record their support were for 4 environmental policies: spending 1% of the state budget on environmental programs, a carbon fee, expand offshore wind farms, and requiring utility companies to provide a greater percentage of renewable energy.

Policy Proposal	Strong/Somewhat Agree	Strong/Somewhat Disagree	Don't know/ Not sure
1% of the budget	82.5%	13.9%	3.5%
Carbon fee	62.9%	28.6%	8.4%
Offshore wind	70.5%	21.1%	8.4%
Utilities more renewables	75.5%	19.8%	7.6%