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To: Interested Parties

Re: **Pa Statewide Poll Results: Consumer Attitudes Regarding Consolidation/Regionalization of Struggling Municipal Water Systems**

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**PENNSYLVANIANS SHOW BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR [THE] CONSOLIDATION AND REGIONALIZATION OF STRUGGLING WATER SYSTEMS IF IT MEANS THESE SYSTEMS CAN DELIVER SAFE/RELIABLE DRINKING WATER TO CUSTOMERS**

Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. conducted a statewide voter attitude poll to test attitudes and opinions with Pennsylvania households and families to measure support/opposition for [the] regionalization and consolidation of struggling water systems in the Commonwealth. The survey was conducted June 16-21, 2025, with 713 likely voters, interviewed randomly from a universe of households with past vote history in recent general elections. The survey's sampling error is +/-3.7% at the 95% confidence level.

**CONCLUSION 1: Support for the regionalization/consolidation of struggling, local water systems broad-based, bipartisan and includes majorities of voters in nearly all demographic cohorts of the population.**

Q: Removal of harmful chemicals from drinking water, combined with years of underinvestment in infrastructure, can be costly, and some smaller Pennsylvania municipal water systems can't maintain them adequately. As a result, state regulators have recently placed multiple local water systems into receivership after they struggled to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to their customers. Steve DeFrank, Chairman of the state's Public Utility Commission, has noted that regionalization and consolidation of local water systems can help struggling systems. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the regionalization and consolidation of local water systems if it means these systems will be in a better position to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to customers?

- By a strong margin of 78:7 (support/oppose), nearly 8 in 10 Pennsylvanians say they support the regionalization and consolidation of struggling municipal water systems in the Commonwealth if it means [these] systems are in a better position to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to Pennsylvania households. This includes majorities of voters in key demographic groups, including:
    - Strong support across **all political parties**, including 76% of **Republicans**, 81% of **Democrats** and 71% of **independent** voters, and
    - 76% of **male** and 80% of **female** voters, and
    - Strong support across **all lines of ethnicity**, including 82% of **black** voters, 76% of **Latino** voters and 77% of **white** voters, and
    - Strong support across **all geographic regions** of the state, including 85% in the Northwest/Erie media market, 94% in the Southwest/Pittsburgh market, 67% in the conservative Central "T", 79% in the Northeast/Wilkes-Barre/Scranton media market, 77% in the South Central/Harrisburg media market, 80% in the Southeast collar counties, 71% in Allegheny County and 74% in Philadelphia.
  - Public polling on various policy initiatives rarely yields results this overwhelming. The fact that only 7% of Pennsylvania likely voters oppose this initiative is significant and a strong testament to the merits of the issue.
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