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**RE: Arizona Voters' Support for Economic Relief**

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*From February 13 to 19, 2021, the bipartisan team of Hart Research Associates and North Star Research conducted a survey in Arizona on behalf of Oxfam. Interviews were conducted online among a representative sample of 500 2020 general election voters, yielding a margin of error of  $\pm 4.5$  percentage points.*

**OVERVIEW: Arizona voters want the federal government to do more to address the economic downturn and support key relief measures.** By an overwhelming 60-point margin, Arizonans say the federal government needs to do more to make the economic downturn less severe and help people financially (80%), rather than that the steps taken so far have been enough (20%). Belief that the government needs to do more crosses partisan and ideological lines, exceeding 70% of Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, and Biden and Trump voters. Today, people in Arizona are more focused on creating jobs than limiting spending. As a result, they endorse these measures:

- *a \$50 billion investment in child care;*
- *gradually raising the federal minimum wage to \$15;*
- *providing stimulus checks and extending federal unemployment benefits.*

**Arizona voters want Congress to include a major investment in child care in the next COVID-19 relief package.** A remarkably strong 80% majority in Arizona favors this substantial child care investment plan.

*Proposal: devote at least \$50 billion in the coronavirus relief package to stabilizing the child care industry. Funds would be used to keep child care providers open, maintain payments to child care workers during the downturn, and help working parents afford child care so they can continue working.*

<b>\$50 Billion Child Care Investment</b>		
	<b><u>Favor</u></b>	<b><u>Oppose</u></b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Arizona Voters</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>
Democrats	94	6
Independents	76	24
Republicans	69	31
18 to 39	89	11
40 to 59	81	19
60 and older	71	29
Whites	77	23
Latinos	91	9
Parents	86	14

Support for child care spans the partisan spectrum, with 69% of Republicans, 76% of independents, and 94% of Democrats in favor. It is an especially high priority for younger voters (89%), parents (86%), and Latino voters (91%).

Two-thirds (66%) of Arizonans believe that funding child care in this manner would have a positive impact on the economic recovery, with only 9% anticipating a negative economic impact. Fully 57% of Republicans, 56% of Trump voters, 58% of rural voters, and 54% of conservatives say that investing in child care will boost the economy.

**Arizona voters say that Congress should gradually lift the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.** By a robust 18-point margin (59% to 41%), Arizona voters embrace a proposal to gradually increase the federal minimum wage over the next five years, to reach \$15 per hour in 2025. The survey reveals strong support among such key political constituencies as moderates (64%), suburban voters (58%), and independents (55%). Latinos voice especially high approval for the \$15 wage (67%), but they are joined by a solid 56% majority of white voters. Interestingly, Arizona retirees (58%) and workers (59%) endorse the \$15 wage at similar levels, as do the state's men (58%) and women (60%).

<b>Strong Constituencies for \$15 Minimum Wage</b>		
	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>All Arizona Voters</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>
Latinos	67	33
Women 18 to 49	63	37
Men 18 to 49	61	39
Urban voters	65	35
College graduates	63	37

**An overwhelming majority in Arizona wants the next relief legislation to include emergency paid leave for workers.** Fully 83% of voters in Arizona favor the inclusion of an emergency paid leave requirement for workers exposed to the coronavirus in the next round of COVID-19 relief legislation, while just 17% register opposition. Democrats express nearly unanimous agreement here, joined by impressive majorities of independents (88%) and Republicans (68%). A remarkable two-thirds (68%) of conservatives favor paid leave, along with 87% of moderates and nearly all liberals (97%).

Arizonans feel that the benefits of a paid leave requirement are not limited only to workers. Seven in 10 (71%) report that they would personally feel more comfortable going into stores, restaurants, and other businesses if they knew potentially infected workers could stay at home without financial hardship. Voters under 40 (81%), Latinos (88%), urban voters (76%), and the employed (74%) are especially likely to say paid leave would boost their comfort level in patronizing businesses.

<b>Emergency Paid Leave</b>		
	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Arizona Voters</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17</b>
Democrats	96	4
Independents	88	12
Republicans	68	32
Liberals	97	3
Moderates	87	13
Conservatives	68	32
Whites	82	18
Latinos	89	11
Employed	83	17
Retired	80	20

**Arizona voters embrace other measures to boost family incomes and the economy, including expanding federal unemployment benefits, a new round of stimulus checks, and a \$3,000 child tax credit.**

- By a 65%-to-35% margin, Arizona voters want Congress to increase the federal COVID-19 unemployment benefit from \$300 a week to \$400 a week and extend these benefits until the economy recovers. Remarkably, majorities of Republicans (51%) and independents (55%), along with an overwhelming 85% of Democrats, embrace this UI proposal. Support levels are particularly high among men (70%), voters under 40 (69%), and Latinos (74%).
- Three-fourths (77%) of Arizonans favor Congress providing stimulus checks of \$1,400 per person to all families earning less than \$150,000. The survey reveals broad political support for stimulus, including 65% of Republicans, 75% of independents, and 93% of Democrats. A remarkable 67% of Trump voters join 88% of Biden voters in favoring the proposal.
- A child tax credit of \$3,000 for each child under age 17 is endorsed by 71% of voters in Arizona, including 83% of parents. The measure enjoys broad support politically, among 85% of Democrats, 67% of independents, and 59% of Republicans, together with 86% of liberals, three in four (75%) moderates, and 57% of conservatives.

**SURVEY SAMPLE**

**Partisan Identification**

How would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic .....	22
Leaning Democratic .....	17
Completely independent .....	17
Leaning Republican .....	17
Mostly Republican .....	27
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<b>Total Democratic</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>44</b>

**2020 Vote**

To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you voted for Joe Biden or Donald Trump in the election for president?

Joe Biden .....	49
Donald Trump .....	49
Jo Jorgensen, Libertarian .....	2
Howie Hawkins, Green Party .....	-