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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Ohio Voters Strongly Support Giving Terminally Ill Patients the Right to Control the End of their Lives

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Ohio voters strongly support giving terminally ill patients the right to control the end of their lives. 87% of voters strongly (71%) or somewhat (16%) agree that patients should be allowed to die in as humane and dignified a manner as they see fit, with only 11% disagreeing. When broken down by party, 77% of Democrats, 60% of Republicans, and 77% of independents agree with the statement.

A strong majority (77%) agrees with the following statement: I have the freedom to control my life choices, including my end of life decisions. 77% also agree with the statement: It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, including my end of life decisions.

75% of voters are much more likely (54%) or somewhat more likely (21%) to support the bill the Ohio Legislature is considering after learning that, according to the bill, a physician must fully inform a patient of his or her diagnosis, the nature of medicine prescribed, and feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care, and pain control. 69% say they are more likely to support the bill after learning that the bill requires that the patient must be capable, acting voluntarily, and must make informed decision.

PPP surveyed 645 Ohio voters from May 17-18, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

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