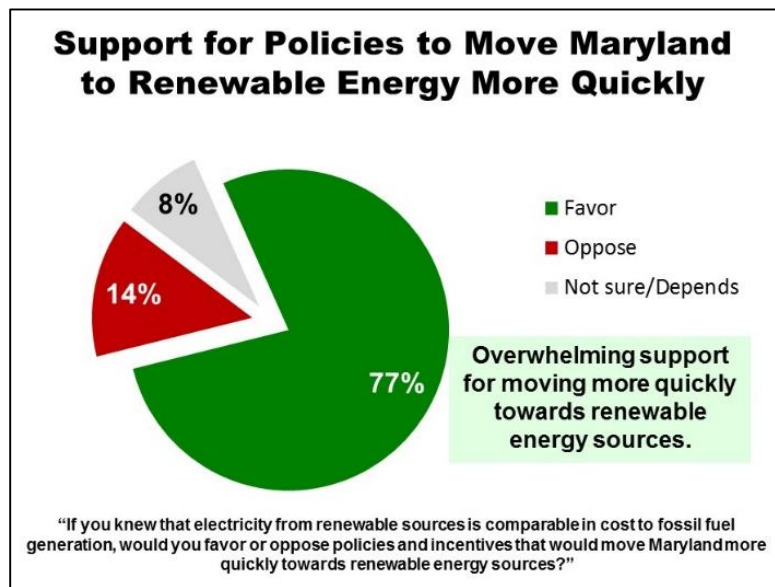
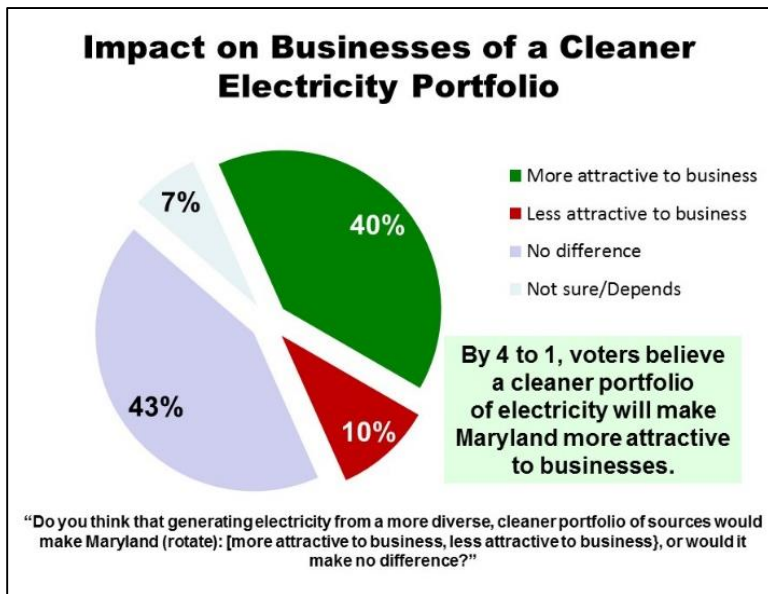


## FACT SHEET: MARYLAND VOTER POLL ON CLIMATE ISSUES (FEB 2016)

The Maryland Climate Coalition commissioned a representative statewide voter poll to measure the level of support for a proposal to expand Maryland's clean energy standard. A total of 594 Maryland voters were interviewed by telephone February 19-26, 2016. ( $\pm 4.0\%$ )

**This poll demonstrates that that Maryland voters place a very high priority on clean energy. Voters want the State of Maryland actively involved through policies and incentives to move Maryland more quickly towards renewable energy sources.**

By four-to-one, Marylanders believe that generating electricity from a more diverse, cleaner portfolio of sources will make Maryland more attractive to business. Forty percent of voters hold that view, compared to only 10% who think it would be less attractive to businesses.



When they learn that renewable sources are comparable in cost to fossil fuel generation, an overwhelming 77% of Maryland voters would favor policies and incentives that would move Maryland more quickly towards renewable energy sources.

Only 14% would oppose moving Maryland more quickly towards renewable energy sources.

OpinionWorks LLC of Annapolis, Maryland conducted this public opinion survey for the Maryland Climate Coalition. A total of 594 randomly selected registered voters statewide were interviewed by telephone February 19-26, 2016. Both landlines and cell phones were included in the survey sample. The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4.0\%$  at the 95% confidence level.

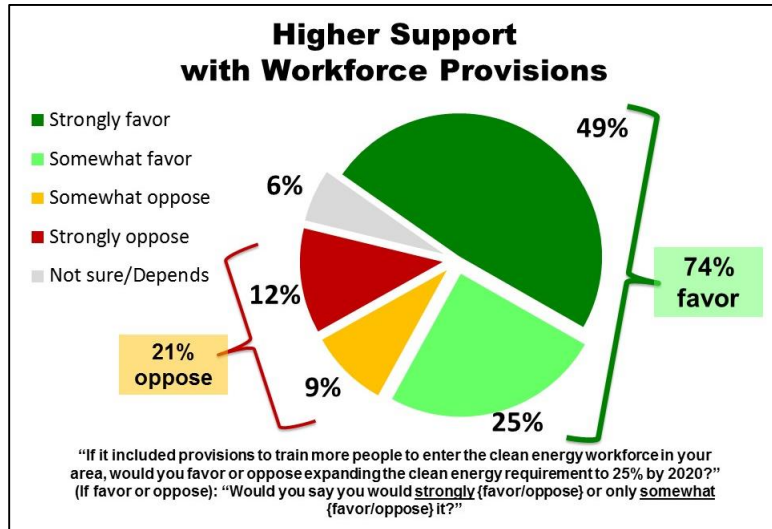
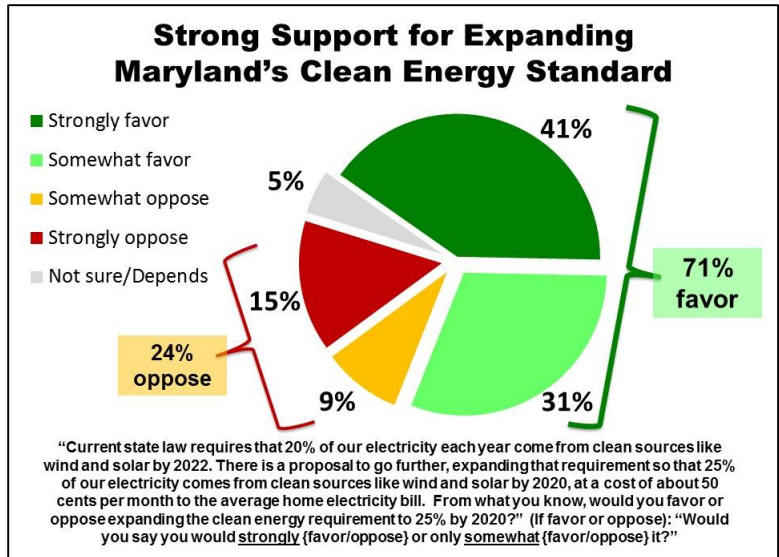
OpinionWorks conducts frequent opinion studies in Maryland and the surrounding states. We have been the polling organization for *The Baltimore Sun* since 2007, and have polled for numerous other media throughout the region. We work for state and local agencies throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and Mountain West, and for a variety of non-profit and for-profit entities in the U.S., Latin America, and Japan.

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Nearly three-quarters of Maryland voters (71%) support expanding Maryland's clean energy standard to 25% by 2020, even if it would add up to 50 cents per month to their electric bill. Only one-third as many (24%) are opposed.

Support crosses political party lines. A 51% majority of Republicans, and more than three-quarters of Democrats and Independents, support the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

There is wide support for this proposal across the state, in rural, urban and suburban communities, with support no lower than 63% in any corner of the state, and ranging as high as 81%.



Voter support increases to 74% for expanding Maryland's clean energy standard to 25% by 2020 when coupled with provisions to train more Marylanders for careers in clean energy.

By more than three-to-one, when the next election comes Maryland voters would be more likely to support a legislator who voted for the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Nearly half of voters (48%) said they would be more likely to support that legislator, compared to only 13% who said they would be less likely.

