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## Gonzales Poll – Part 1: Maryland Statewide



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## Background and Methodology

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His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales appears frequently on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. A total of 815 registered voters in Maryland who vote regularly were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

## Synopsis

“It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance.”

— Thomas Huxley

Moving toward the midway mark of his 2<sup>nd</sup> legislative session in Annapolis, Wes Moore remains well-positioned with Maryland voters.

Statewide, 58% approve of the job Moore is doing as governor (within the margin of the sixty percent approval he had in October), while 28% disapprove, with 14% offering no opinion...74% of Democrats approve of the job Governor Moore is doing, as do 52% of independent voters.

Among state Republicans, 57% disapprove, but intense censure is barely one-in-three (36% “*strong*” disapproval). Contrast this with what will be revealed in Part 2’s report tomorrow displaying GOP attitudes generally toward elected Democrats.

By race, 52% of whites and 70% of African-Americans approve of the job Wes Moore is doing as governor.

In his State of the State speech last week, Governor Moore promised that Maryland would “win the decade,” and that toward this end his administration would enact “policies as bold as our aspirations.” Part of winning the 2020s with bold policies will require figuring a way to fill the gap on transportation funding.

Due to a 3 billion dollar budget deficit, transportation projects for roads, bridges, and mass transit in Maryland are being cut across the state. We asked voters if they would support or oppose raising the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund transportation projects...37% support raising the sales tax for funding transportation projects, while 60% oppose raising the sales tax from six percent to seven percent to finance roads/bridges & mass transit- 48% “**strongly**” oppose.

Another prickly matter for Governor Moore to navigate toward reaching his goal of winning the decade involve policy initiatives surrounding criminal justice concerns in the state. We replicated a question posed last year – respondents were told that it’s now only a misdemeanor in Maryland to possess a stolen

firearm, and asked whether they agree or disagree that it should be made a felony in the state to possess a stolen firearm?

Just as last year, an astounding near-ninety percent of Marylanders are in harmony... 88% agree that it should be a felony to possess a stolen firearm (**74% “strongly”**), while a meager 11% disagree.

Passionate support for this is across the board. Voters born after 9/11 and those who first alit prior to Pearl Harbor (and everyone in-between) speak with a single, clear voice – the legislature in Annapolis needs to make it a felony to possess a stolen firearm in Maryland.

In light of the tragedy last month in Kansas City, we asked voters: *“Would you support or oppose a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of selling drugs laced with fentanyl if the drug resulted in a death?”*

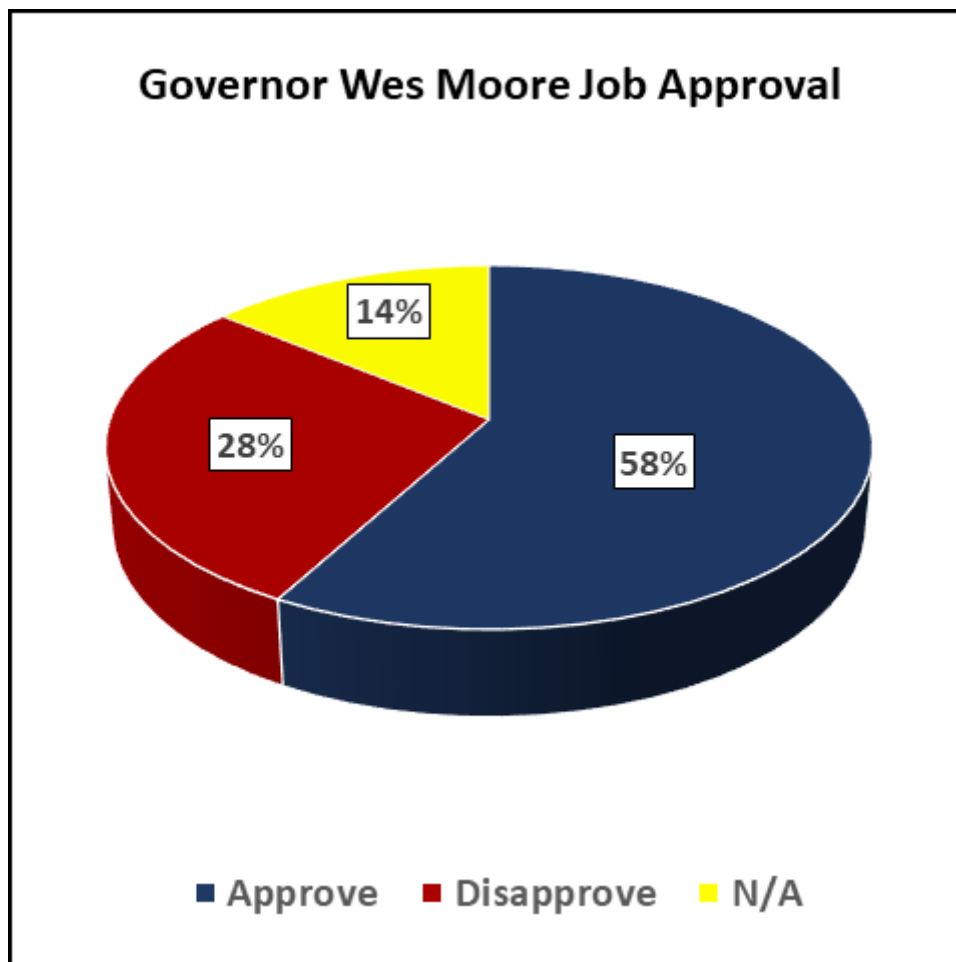
Overall, 83% of Maryland voters support a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison, while only 13% oppose this mandatory prison penalty. Seventy-six percent of Democrats, 86% of independents, 94% of Republicans, and 80% of African-American voters support a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of selling drugs laced with fentanyl if the drug results in a death.

In this day and age, anyone thinking of using or selling drugs potentially laced with fentanyl might want to follow advice offered 40 years ago...just say no.

## Gonzales Poll - Maryland Statewide Results

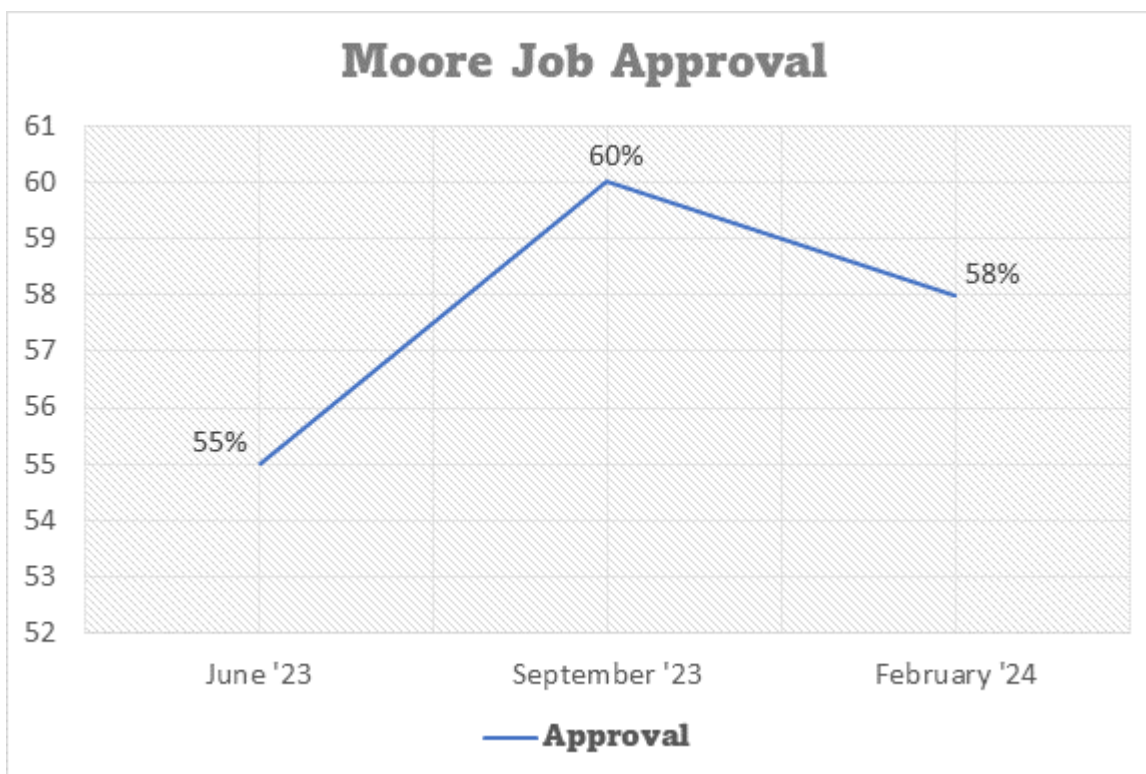
### Governor Wes Moore Job Approval

As Wes Moore nears the halfway point of his second session, 58% approve of the job he is doing as governor (28% “strongly” approve and 30% “somewhat” approve), while 28% disapprove of the job he’s doing (15% “strongly” disapprove and 13% “somewhat” disapprove), with 14% giving no response.



By party, 74% of Democrats approve of the job Governor Moore is doing, while 57% of Republicans disapprove. Among independents, 52% approve and 26% disapprove.

| <b>Governor Moore Job Approval</b> | <b><u>Approve</u></b> | <b><u>Disapprove</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Statewide                          | 58%                   | 28%                      |
| Democrat                           | 74%                   | 15%                      |
| Republican                         | 27%                   | 57%                      |
| Independent                        | 52%                   | 26%                      |
| White                              | 52%                   | 32%                      |
| African-American                   | 70%                   | 20%                      |
| Women                              | 62%                   | 25%                      |
| Men                                | 53%                   | 32%                      |



## Sales Tax Increase to Fund Transportation

Due to a 3 billion dollar budget deficit, transportation projects for roads, bridges, and mass transit in Maryland are being cut in every county in the state. We asked voters if they support or oppose raising the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund transportation projects. Statewide, 37% support raising the sales tax to fund transportation projects (14% “strongly” support and 23% “somewhat” support), while 60% oppose raising the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent (48% “strongly” oppose and 12% “somewhat” oppose), with 3% providing no answer.

Fifty-three percent of Democrats support taking the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund transportation, while 86% of Republicans oppose it (**80% “strongly”** oppose). Among unaffiliated voters, 71% oppose raising the sales tax to pay for transportation projects.

| Increase Sales Tax | <u>Support</u> | <u>Oppose</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Statewide          | 37%            | 60%           |
| Democrat           | 53%            | 43%           |
| Republican         | 13%            | 86%           |
| Independent        | 26%            | 71%           |
| White              | 34%            | 63%           |
| African-American   | 49%            | 50%           |
| Women              | 42%            | 55%           |
| Men                | 32%            | 66%           |

## Transportation Funding Priority – Roads/Bridges or Mass Transit

Among voters, 64% say maintaining and improving the roads and bridges in Maryland should receive the higher priority regarding transportation funding, while 26% believe maintaining and improving mass transit in Maryland, such as buses, light rail and MARC trains, is the greater urgency for transportation funding.



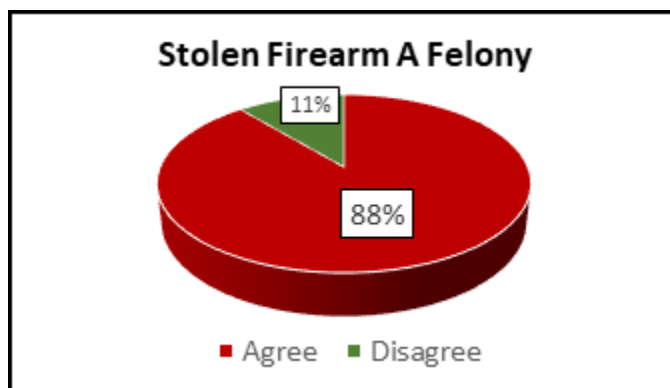
**Transportation Funding  
Higher Priority**

|                    | <u>Roads/Bridges</u> | <u>Mass Transit</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Statewide          | 64%                  | 26%                 |
| Democrat           | 56%                  | 34%                 |
| Republican         | 82%                  | 8%                  |
| Independent        | 62%                  | 25%                 |
| White              | 67%                  | 21%                 |
| African-American   | 59%                  | 36%                 |
| Women              | 64%                  | 27%                 |
| Men                | 65%                  | 24%                 |
| Eastern Shore      | 77%                  | 16%                 |
| Baltimore City     | 55%                  | 39%                 |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 66%                  | 24%                 |
| Washington Suburbs | 58%                  | 31%                 |
| Western Maryland   | 69%                  | 17%                 |

**Make Possession of Stolen Firearm a Felony**

We told respondents that it’s now only a misdemeanor to possess a stolen firearm in Maryland, and asked whether they agree or disagree that it should be made a felony in Maryland to possess a stolen firearm?

A staggering 88% agree that the legislature in Annapolis should make it a felony to possess a stolen firearm (74% “strongly” agree and 14% “somewhat” agree), while a scant 11% disagree.

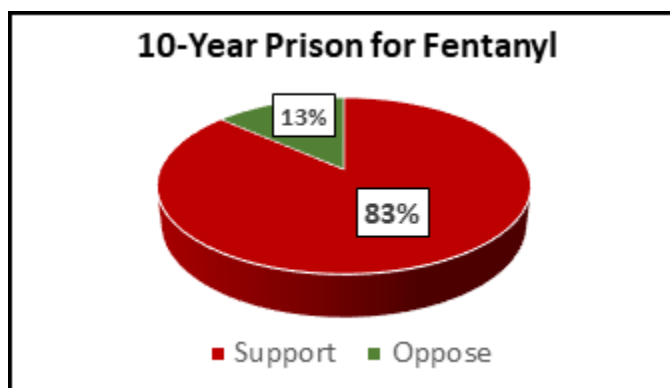


| <b>Stolen Firearm Possession a Felony</b> | <b><u>Agree</u></b> | <b><u>Disagree</u></b> |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| Statewide                                 | 88%                 | 11%                    |
| Democrat                                  | 88%                 | 10%                    |
| Republican                                | 86%                 | 13%                    |
| Independent                               | 89%                 | 9%                     |
| White                                     | 87%                 | 11%                    |
| African-American                          | 89%                 | 9%                     |
| Women                                     | 88%                 | 10%                    |
| Men                                       | 87%                 | 12%                    |
| 18-34                                     | 88%                 | 9%                     |
| 35-49                                     | 91%                 | 9%                     |
| 50-64                                     | 88%                 | 11%                    |
| 65 and older                              | 84%                 | 13%                    |

In the Free State, Donkeys and Elephants; black and white; xx and xy chromosomes; Gen Zers to centenarians are all of the same opinion: possession of a stolen firearm should be a felony.

### **Mandatory 10-Year Prison for Dealing Fentanyl**

A massive 83% support a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of selling drugs laced with fentanyl if the drug results in a death (68% “strongly” support and 15% “somewhat” support), while only 13% oppose this.



| <b>Mandatory 10-Years for Fentanyl</b> | <b><u>Support</u></b> | <b><u>Oppose</u></b> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Statewide                              | 83%                   | 13%                  |
| Democrat                               | 76%                   | 18%                  |
| Republican                             | 94%                   | 5%                   |
| Independent                            | 86%                   | 11%                  |
| White                                  | 84%                   | 12%                  |
| African-American                       | 80%                   | 19%                  |
| Women                                  | 80%                   | 15%                  |
| Men                                    | 85%                   | 11%                  |
| 18-34                                  | 82%                   | 14%                  |
| 35-49                                  | 79%                   | 15%                  |
| 50-64                                  | 82%                   | 15%                  |
| 65 and older                           | 86%                   | 9%                   |
| Eastern Shore                          | 83%                   | 12%                  |
| Baltimore City                         | 80%                   | 14%                  |
| Baltimore Suburbs                      | 84%                   | 11%                  |
| Washington Suburbs                     | 79%                   | 18%                  |
| Western Maryland                       | 89%                   | 9%                   |

**In every demographic group in Maryland SUPPORT for a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of selling drugs laced with fentanyl if the drug results in a death is greater than 3-out-of-4.**

## Appendix A: Data Tables – Frequencies & Crosstabs

QUESTION: Governor Moore Job Approval *Do you approve or disapprove of the job Wes Moore is doing as Governor?*

| <u>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Approve                        | 470           | 57.7 %         |
| Disapprove                     | 230           | 28.2 %         |
| No answer                      | 115           | 14.1 %         |
| Total                          | 815           | 100.0 %        |

N=815

| <u>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</u> |                   |                  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>Approve</u>                 | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

### PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |              |             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Democrat     | 333<br>74.0% | 68<br>15.1%  | 49<br>10.9% |
| Republican   | 59<br>27.3%  | 123<br>56.9% | 34<br>15.7% |
| Unaffiliated | 78<br>52.3%  | 39<br>26.2%  | 32<br>21.5% |

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| <u>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</u> |                   |                  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>Approve</u>                 | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

### RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |              |             |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| White            | 248<br>52.4% | 150<br>31.7% | 75<br>15.9% |
| African American | 171<br>70.1% | 49<br>20.1%  | 24<br>9.8%  |
| Other/No answer  | 51<br>52.0%  | 31<br>31.6%  | 16<br>16.3% |

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|-------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</b> |            |           |
|       | Approve                        | Disapprove | No answer |

GENDER

|        |              |              |             |
|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Female | 273<br>61.5% | 111<br>25.0% | 60<br>13.5% |
| Male   | 197<br>53.1% | 119<br>32.1% | 55<br>14.8% |

|       |                                |            |           |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</b> |            |           |
|       | Approve                        | Disapprove | No answer |

AGE

|              |              |             |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 to 34     | 83<br>63.4%  | 29<br>22.1% | 19<br>14.5% |
| 35 to 49     | 113<br>57.7% | 52<br>26.5% | 31<br>15.8% |
| 50 to 64     | 137<br>54.2% | 81<br>32.0% | 35<br>13.8% |
| 65 and older | 137<br>58.3% | 68<br>28.9% | 30<br>12.8% |

|       |                                |            |           |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>JOB APPROVAL: WES MOORE</b> |            |           |
|       | Approve                        | Disapprove | No answer |

REGION

|                    |              |             |             |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 41<br>42.7%  | 38<br>39.6% | 17<br>17.7% |
| Baltimore City     | 39<br>60.0%  | 21<br>32.3% | 5<br>7.7%   |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 159<br>57.6% | 74<br>26.8% | 43<br>15.6% |
| Washington Suburbs | 184<br>65.9% | 58<br>20.8% | 37<br>13.3% |
| Western Maryland   | 47<br>47.5%  | 39<br>39.4% | 13<br>13.1% |

**INTENSITY - Governor Moore Job Approval *Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?***

| <u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Strongly approve                  | 223           | 27.4 %         |
| Somewhat approve                  | 247           | 30.3 %         |
| Somewhat disapprove               | 106           | 13.0 %         |
| Strongly disapprove               | 124           | 15.2 %         |
| <u>No answer</u>                  | <u>115</u>    | <u>14.1 %</u>  |
| Total                             | 815           | 100.0 %        |

N=815

| <u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                            |                            |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly approve</u>           | <u>Somewhat approve</u> | <u>Somewhat disapprove</u> | <u>Strongly disapprove</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |              |             |             |             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Democrat     | 170<br>37.8% | 163<br>36.2% | 51<br>11.3% | 17<br>3.8%  | 49<br>10.9% |
| Republican   | 10<br>4.6%   | 49<br>22.7%  | 45<br>20.8% | 78<br>36.1% | 34<br>15.7% |
| Unaffiliated | 43<br>28.9%  | 35<br>23.5%  | 10<br>6.7%  | 29<br>19.5% | 32<br>21.5% |

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| <u>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                            |                            |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly approve</u>           | <u>Somewhat approve</u> | <u>Somewhat disapprove</u> | <u>Strongly disapprove</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |              |             |             |             |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| White            | 113<br>23.9% | 135<br>28.5% | 62<br>13.1% | 88<br>18.6% | 75<br>15.9% |
| African American | 89<br>36.5%  | 82<br>33.6%  | 32<br>13.1% | 17<br>7.0%  | 24<br>9.8%  |
| Other/No answer  | 21<br>21.4%  | 30<br>30.6%  | 12<br>12.2% | 19<br>19.4% | 16<br>16.3% |

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|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</b> |                     |                        |                        |           |
|       | Strongly<br>approve               | Somewhat<br>approve | Somewhat<br>disapprove | Strongly<br>disapprove | No answer |

GENDER

|        |              |              |             |             |             |
|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Female | 141<br>31.8% | 132<br>29.7% | 58<br>13.1% | 53<br>11.9% | 60<br>13.5% |
| Male   | 82<br>22.1%  | 115<br>31.0% | 48<br>12.9% | 71<br>19.1% | 55<br>14.8% |

|       |                                   |                     |                        |                        |           |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</b> |                     |                        |                        |           |
|       | Strongly<br>approve               | Somewhat<br>approve | Somewhat<br>disapprove | Strongly<br>disapprove | No answer |

AGE

|              |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 to 34     | 41<br>31.3% | 42<br>32.1% | 14<br>10.7% | 15<br>11.5% | 19<br>14.5% |
| 35 to 49     | 52<br>26.5% | 61<br>31.1% | 25<br>12.8% | 27<br>13.8% | 31<br>15.8% |
| 50 to 64     | 64<br>25.3% | 73<br>28.9% | 32<br>12.6% | 49<br>19.4% | 35<br>13.8% |
| 65 and older | 66<br>28.1% | 71<br>30.2% | 35<br>14.9% | 33<br>14.0% | 30<br>12.8% |

|       |                                   |                     |                        |                        |           |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>MOORE APPROVAL - INTENSITY</b> |                     |                        |                        |           |
|       | Strongly<br>approve               | Somewhat<br>approve | Somewhat<br>disapprove | Strongly<br>disapprove | No answer |

REGION

|                    |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 24<br>25.0% | 17<br>17.7% | 13<br>13.5% | 25<br>26.0% | 17<br>17.7% |
| Baltimore City     | 15<br>23.1% | 24<br>36.9% | 11<br>16.9% | 10<br>15.4% | 5<br>7.7%   |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 73<br>26.4% | 86<br>31.2% | 32<br>11.6% | 42<br>15.2% | 43<br>15.6% |
| Washington Suburbs | 96<br>34.4% | 88<br>31.5% | 32<br>11.5% | 26<br>9.3%  | 37<br>13.3% |
| Western Maryland   | 15<br>15.2% | 32<br>32.3% | 18<br>18.2% | 21<br>21.2% | 13<br>13.1% |

**QUESTION: Sales Tax to Fund Transportation** *Due to a 3 billion dollar budget deficit, transportation projects for roads, bridges, and mass transit are being cut in every county in the state. Would you support or oppose an increase in Maryland’s sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent to fund transportation projects?*

| <u>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Support                                 | 306           | 37.5 %         |
| Oppose                                  | 486           | 59.6 %         |
| No answer                               | 23            | 2.8 %          |
| Total                                   | 815           | 100.0 %        |

N=815

| <u>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</u> |               |                  |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Support</u>                          | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Democrat     | 239<br>53.1% | 195<br>43.3% | 16<br>3.6% |
| Republican   | 28<br>13.0%  | 185<br>85.6% | 3<br>1.4%  |
| Unaffiliated | 39<br>26.2%  | 106<br>71.1% | 4<br>2.7%  |

N=815

| <u>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</u> |               |                  |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Support</u>                          | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |              |            |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| White            | 160<br>33.8% | 296<br>62.6% | 17<br>3.6% |
| African American | 120<br>49.2% | 122<br>50.0% | 2<br>0.8%  |
| Other/No answer  | 26<br>26.5%  | 68<br>69.4%  | 4<br>4.1%  |



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| N=815 | <b>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</b> |        |           |
|       | Support                                 | Oppose | No answer |

GENDER

|        |              |              |            |
|--------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Female | 187<br>42.1% | 242<br>54.5% | 15<br>3.4% |
| Male   | 119<br>32.1% | 244<br>65.8% | 8<br>2.2%  |

|       |   |        |           |
|-------|---|--------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</b> |        |           |
|       | Support                                 | Oppose | No answer |

AGE

|              |             |              |           |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 18 to 34     | 50<br>38.2% | 75<br>57.3%  | 6<br>4.6% |
| 35 to 49     | 79<br>40.3% | 113<br>57.7% | 4<br>2.0% |
| 50 to 64     | 88<br>34.8% | 158<br>62.5% | 7<br>2.8% |
| 65 and older | 89<br>37.9% | 140<br>59.6% | 6<br>2.6% |

|       |   |        |           |
|-------|---|--------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>SALES TAX TO FUND TRANSPORTATION</b> |        |           |
|       | Support                                 | Oppose | No answer |

REGION

|                    |              |              |            |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 30<br>31.3%  | 65<br>67.7%  | 1<br>1.0%  |
| Baltimore City     | 28<br>43.1%  | 36<br>55.4%  | 1<br>1.5%  |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 100<br>36.2% | 166<br>60.1% | 10<br>3.6% |
| Washington Suburbs | 122<br>43.7% | 149<br>53.4% | 8<br>2.9%  |
| Western Maryland   | 26<br>26.3%  | 70<br>70.7%  | 3<br>3.0%  |

**INTENSITY - Sales Tax to Fund Transportation *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?***

| <u>SALES TAX - INTENSITY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Strongly support             | 116           | 14.2 %         |
| Somewhat support             | 190           | 23.3 %         |
| Somewhat oppose              | 99            | 12.1 %         |
| Strongly oppose              | 387           | 47.5 %         |
| No answer                    | 23            | 2.8 %          |
| Total                        | 815           | 100.0 %        |

N=815

| <u>SALES TAX - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                        |                        |                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly support</u>      | <u>Somewhat support</u> | <u>Somewhat oppose</u> | <u>Strongly oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |             |              |             |              |            |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Democrat     | 94<br>20.9% | 145<br>32.2% | 68<br>15.1% | 127<br>28.2% | 16<br>3.6% |
| Republican   | 7<br>3.2%   | 21<br>9.7%   | 12<br>5.6%  | 173<br>80.1% | 3<br>1.4%  |
| Unaffiliated | 15<br>10.1% | 24<br>16.1%  | 19<br>12.8% | 87<br>58.4%  | 4<br>2.7%  |

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| <u>SALES TAX - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                        |                        |                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly support</u>      | <u>Somewhat support</u> | <u>Somewhat oppose</u> | <u>Strongly oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |             |              |             |              |            |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| White            | 40<br>8.5%  | 120<br>25.4% | 54<br>11.4% | 242<br>51.2% | 17<br>3.6% |
| African American | 65<br>26.6% | 55<br>22.5%  | 31<br>12.7% | 91<br>37.3%  | 2<br>0.8%  |
| Other/No answer  | 11<br>11.2% | 15<br>15.3%  | 14<br>14.3% | 54<br>55.1%  | 4<br>4.1%  |

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| N=815 | SALES TAX - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|       | Strongly support      | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### GENDER

|        |             |              |             |              |            |
|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Female | 78<br>17.6% | 109<br>24.5% | 62<br>14.0% | 180<br>40.5% | 15<br>3.4% |
| Male   | 38<br>10.2% | 81<br>21.8%  | 37<br>10.0% | 207<br>55.8% | 8<br>2.2%  |

| N=815 | SALES TAX - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|       | Strongly support      | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### AGE

|              |             |             |             |              |           |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 18 to 34     | 17<br>13.0% | 33<br>25.2% | 16<br>12.2% | 59<br>45.0%  | 6<br>4.6% |
| 35 to 49     | 29<br>14.8% | 50<br>25.5% | 22<br>11.2% | 91<br>46.4%  | 4<br>2.0% |
| 50 to 64     | 34<br>13.4% | 54<br>21.3% | 31<br>12.3% | 127<br>50.2% | 7<br>2.8% |
| 65 and older | 36<br>15.3% | 53<br>22.6% | 30<br>12.8% | 110<br>46.8% | 6<br>2.6% |

| N=815 | SALES TAX - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|       | Strongly support      | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### REGION

|                    |             |             |             |              |            |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 11<br>11.5% | 19<br>19.8% | 11<br>11.5% | 54<br>56.3%  | 1<br>1.0%  |
| Baltimore City     | 11<br>16.9% | 17<br>26.2% | 7<br>10.8%  | 29<br>44.6%  | 1<br>1.5%  |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 39<br>14.1% | 61<br>22.1% | 31<br>11.2% | 135<br>48.9% | 10<br>3.6% |
| Washington Suburbs | 43<br>15.4% | 79<br>28.3% | 43<br>15.4% | 106<br>38.0% | 8<br>2.9%  |
| Western Maryland   | 12<br>12.1% | 14<br>14.1% | 7<br>7.1%   | 63<br>63.6%  | 3<br>3.0%  |

**QUESTION: Transportation Funding Higher Priority** *Which of the following, in your opinion, should receive the higher priority regarding transportation funding in the state?* **ORDER ROTATED**

*Maintaining and improving the roads and bridges in Maryland,*

**or**

*Maintaining and improving mass transit in Maryland, such as buses, light rail and MARC trains?*

| <u>ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Roads and Bridges                    | 522           | 64.0 %         |
| Mass Transit                         | 208           | 25.5 %         |
| Both                                 | 57            | 7.0 %          |
| Neither                              | 17            | 2.1 %          |
| No answer                            | 11            | 1.3 %          |
| Total                                | 815           | 100.0 %        |

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| <u>ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT</u> |                     |             |                |                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| <u>Roads and Bridges</u>             | <u>Mass Transit</u> | <u>Both</u> | <u>Neither</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |              |            |            |           |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Democrat     | 253<br>56.2% | 153<br>34.0% | 39<br>8.7% | 2<br>0.4%  | 3<br>0.7% |
| Republican   | 176<br>81.5% | 18<br>8.3%   | 8<br>3.7%  | 11<br>5.1% | 3<br>1.4% |
| Unaffiliated | 93<br>62.4%  | 37<br>24.8%  | 10<br>6.7% | 4<br>2.7%  | 5<br>3.4% |

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| <u>ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT</u> |                     |             |                |                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| <u>Roads and Bridges</u>             | <u>Mass Transit</u> | <u>Both</u> | <u>Neither</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |             |            |            |           |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| White            | 316<br>66.8% | 98<br>20.7% | 42<br>8.9% | 13<br>2.7% | 4<br>0.8% |
| African American | 144<br>59.0% | 87<br>35.7% | 8<br>3.3%  | 1<br>0.4%  | 4<br>1.6% |
| Other/No answer  | 62<br>63.3%  | 23<br>23.5% | 7<br>7.1%  | 3<br>3.1%  | 3<br>3.1% |

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|       |                               |              |      |         |           |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|------|---------|-----------|
| N=815 | ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT |              |      |         |           |
|       | Roads and<br>Bridges          | Mass Transit | Both | Neither | No answer |

### GENDER

|        |              |              |            |           |           |
|--------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Female | 282<br>63.5% | 120<br>27.0% | 29<br>6.5% | 8<br>1.8% | 5<br>1.1% |
| Male   | 240<br>64.7% | 88<br>23.7%  | 28<br>7.5% | 9<br>2.4% | 6<br>1.6% |

|       |                               |              |      |         |           |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|------|---------|-----------|
| N=815 | ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT |              |      |         |           |
|       | Roads and<br>Bridges          | Mass Transit | Both | Neither | No answer |

### AGE

|              |              |             |            |           |           |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 18 to 34     | 78<br>59.5%  | 37<br>28.2% | 12<br>9.2% | 1<br>0.8% | 3<br>2.3% |
| 35 to 49     | 131<br>66.8% | 48<br>24.5% | 11<br>5.6% | 5<br>2.6% | 1<br>0.5% |
| 50 to 64     | 158<br>62.5% | 66<br>26.1% | 20<br>7.9% | 5<br>2.0% | 4<br>1.6% |
| 65 and older | 155<br>66.0% | 57<br>24.3% | 14<br>6.0% | 6<br>2.6% | 3<br>1.3% |

|       |                               |              |      |         |           |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|------|---------|-----------|
| N=815 | ROADS/BRIDGES or MASS TRANSIT |              |      |         |           |
|       | Roads and<br>Bridges          | Mass Transit | Both | Neither | No answer |

### REGION

|                    |              |             |            |           |           |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Eastern Shore      | 74<br>77.1%  | 15<br>15.6% | 4<br>4.2%  | 3<br>3.1% | 0<br>0.0% |
| Baltimore City     | 36<br>55.4%  | 25<br>38.5% | 2<br>3.1%  | 1<br>1.5% | 1<br>1.5% |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 181<br>65.6% | 65<br>23.6% | 21<br>7.6% | 5<br>1.8% | 4<br>1.4% |
| Washington Suburbs | 163<br>58.4% | 86<br>30.8% | 22<br>7.9% | 5<br>1.8% | 3<br>1.1% |
| Western Maryland   | 68<br>68.7%  | 17<br>17.2% | 8<br>8.1%  | 3<br>3.0% | 3<br>3.0% |

**QUESTION: Felony To Possess Stolen Firearm** *Currently in Maryland, it is only a misdemeanor to possess a stolen firearm. Do you agree or disagree that it should be a felony in Maryland to possess a stolen firearm?*

| <u>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Agree                                     | 713           | 87.5 %         |
| Disagree                                  | 88            | 10.8 %         |
| No answer                                 | 14            | 1.7 %          |
| Total                                     | 815           | 100.0 %        |

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| <u>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</u> |                 |                  |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Agree</u>                              | <u>Disagree</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |             |           |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Democrat     | 395<br>87.8% | 46<br>10.2% | 9<br>2.0% |
| Republican   | 185<br>85.6% | 28<br>13.0% | 3<br>1.4% |
| Unaffiliated | 133<br>89.3% | 14<br>9.4%  | 2<br>1.3% |

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| <u>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</u> |                 |                  |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Agree</u>                              | <u>Disagree</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |             |           |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| White            | 412<br>87.1% | 52<br>11.0% | 9<br>1.9% |
| African American | 218<br>89.3% | 22<br>9.0%  | 4<br>1.6% |
| Other/No answer  | 83<br>84.7%  | 14<br>14.3% | 1<br>1.0% |

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| N=815 | <b>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</b> |          |           |
|       | Agree                                     | Disagree | No answer |

GENDER

|        |              |             |            |
|--------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Female | 391<br>88.1% | 42<br>9.5%  | 11<br>2.5% |
| Male   | 322<br>86.8% | 46<br>12.4% | 3<br>0.8%  |

|       |   |          |           |
|-------|---|----------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</b> |          |           |
|       | Agree                                     | Disagree | No answer |

AGE

|              |              |             |           |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 18 to 34     | 115<br>87.8% | 12<br>9.2%  | 4<br>3.1% |
| 35 to 49     | 178<br>90.8% | 17<br>8.7%  | 1<br>0.5% |
| 50 to 64     | 223<br>88.1% | 28<br>11.1% | 2<br>0.8% |
| 65 and older | 197<br>83.8% | 31<br>13.2% | 7<br>3.0% |

|       |   |          |           |
|-------|---|----------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>STOLEN FIREARM POSSESSION - FELONY</b> |          |           |
|       | Agree                                     | Disagree | No answer |

REGION

|                    |              |             |           |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Eastern Shore      | 89<br>92.7%  | 7<br>7.3%   | 0<br>0.0% |
| Baltimore City     | 61<br>93.8%  | 4<br>6.2%   | 0<br>0.0% |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 242<br>87.7% | 29<br>10.5% | 5<br>1.8% |
| Washington Suburbs | 236<br>84.6% | 37<br>13.3% | 6<br>2.2% |
| Western Maryland   | 85<br>85.9%  | 11<br>11.1% | 3<br>3.0% |

**INTENSITY - Felony To Possess Stolen Firearm *Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?***

| <u>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Strongly agree                       | 600           | 73.6 %         |
| Somewhat agree                       | 113           | 13.9 %         |
| Somewhat disagree                    | 31            | 3.8 %          |
| Strongly disagree                    | 57            | 7.0 %          |
| No answer                            | 14            | 1.7 %          |
| Total                                | 815           | 100.0 %        |

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| <u>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</u> |                       |                          |                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly agree</u>                | <u>Somewhat agree</u> | <u>Somewhat disagree</u> | <u>Strongly disagree</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |             |            |             |           |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Democrat     | 353<br>78.4% | 42<br>9.3%  | 20<br>4.4% | 26<br>5.8%  | 9<br>2.0% |
| Republican   | 148<br>68.5% | 37<br>17.1% | 3<br>1.4%  | 25<br>11.6% | 3<br>1.4% |
| Unaffiliated | 99<br>66.4%  | 34<br>22.8% | 8<br>5.4%  | 6<br>4.0%   | 2<br>1.3% |

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| <u>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</u> |                       |                          |                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly agree</u>                | <u>Somewhat agree</u> | <u>Somewhat disagree</u> | <u>Strongly disagree</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |             |            |            |           |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| White            | 340<br>71.9% | 72<br>15.2% | 14<br>3.0% | 38<br>8.0% | 9<br>1.9% |
| African American | 194<br>79.5% | 24<br>9.8%  | 10<br>4.1% | 12<br>4.9% | 4<br>1.6% |
| Other/No answer  | 66<br>67.3%  | 17<br>17.3% | 7<br>7.1%  | 7<br>7.1%  | 1<br>1.0% |



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|       |                                      |                |                   |                   |           |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</b> |                |                   |                   |           |
|       | Strongly agree                       | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | No answer |

**GENDER**

|        |              |             |            |            |            |
|--------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Female | 331<br>74.5% | 60<br>13.5% | 14<br>3.2% | 28<br>6.3% | 11<br>2.5% |
| Male   | 269<br>72.5% | 53<br>14.3% | 17<br>4.6% | 29<br>7.8% | 3<br>0.8%  |

|       |                                      |                |                   |                   |           |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</b> |                |                   |                   |           |
|       | Strongly agree                       | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | No answer |

**AGE**

|              |              |             |            |            |           |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 18 to 34     | 93<br>71.0%  | 22<br>16.8% | 4<br>3.1%  | 8<br>6.1%  | 4<br>3.1% |
| 35 to 49     | 155<br>79.1% | 23<br>11.7% | 8<br>4.1%  | 9<br>4.6%  | 1<br>0.5% |
| 50 to 64     | 181<br>71.5% | 42<br>16.6% | 8<br>3.2%  | 20<br>7.9% | 2<br>0.8% |
| 65 and older | 171<br>72.8% | 26<br>11.1% | 11<br>4.7% | 20<br>8.5% | 7<br>3.0% |

|       |                                      |                |                   |                   |           |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| N=815 | <b>FELONY POSSESSION - INTENSITY</b> |                |                   |                   |           |
|       | Strongly agree                       | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | No answer |

**REGION**

|                    |              |             |            |            |           |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Eastern Shore      | 74<br>77.1%  | 15<br>15.6% | 2<br>2.1%  | 5<br>5.2%  | 0<br>0.0% |
| Baltimore City     | 54<br>83.1%  | 7<br>10.8%  | 3<br>4.6%  | 1<br>1.5%  | 0<br>0.0% |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 197<br>71.4% | 45<br>16.3% | 8<br>2.9%  | 21<br>7.6% | 5<br>1.8% |
| Washington Suburbs | 206<br>73.8% | 30<br>10.8% | 16<br>5.7% | 21<br>7.5% | 6<br>2.2% |
| Western Maryland   | 69<br>69.7%  | 16<br>16.2% | 2<br>2.0%  | 9<br>9.1%  | 3<br>3.0% |

**QUESTION: Mandatory Minimum For Dealing Fentanyl** *Would you support or oppose a mandatory penalty of at least 10 years in prison for anyone convicted of selling drugs laced with fentanyl if the drug resulted in a death?*

| <u>FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Support                            | 672           | 82.5 %         |
| Oppose                             | 108           | 13.3 %         |
| No answer                          | 35            | 4.3 %          |
| Total                              | 815           | 100.0 %        |

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| <u>FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS</u> |               |                  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Support</u>                     | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |             |            |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Democrat     | 342<br>76.0% | 80<br>17.8% | 28<br>6.2% |
| Republican   | 202<br>93.5% | 11<br>5.1%  | 3<br>1.4%  |
| Unaffiliated | 128<br>85.9% | 17<br>11.4% | 4<br>2.7%  |

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| <u>FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS</u> |               |                  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Support</u>                     | <u>Oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |             |             |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| White            | 396<br>83.7% | 55<br>11.6% | 22<br>4.7%  |
| African American | 195<br>79.9% | 47<br>19.3% | 2<br>0.8%   |
| Other/No answer  | 81<br>82.7%  | 6<br>6.1%   | 11<br>11.2% |

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|-------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| N=815 | FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS |        |           |
|       | Support                     | Oppose | No answer |

### GENDER

|        |              |             |            |
|--------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Female | 356<br>80.2% | 68<br>15.3% | 20<br>4.5% |
| Male   | 316<br>85.2% | 40<br>10.8% | 15<br>4.0% |

|       |                             |        |           |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| N=815 | FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS |        |           |
|       | Support                     | Oppose | No answer |

### AGE

|              |              |             |            |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 18 to 34     | 108<br>82.4% | 18<br>13.7% | 5<br>3.8%  |
| 35 to 49     | 155<br>79.1% | 30<br>15.3% | 11<br>5.6% |
| 50 to 64     | 207<br>81.8% | 38<br>15.0% | 8<br>3.2%  |
| 65 and older | 202<br>86.0% | 22<br>9.4%  | 11<br>4.7% |

|       |                             |        |           |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| N=815 | FENTANYL MANDATORY 10 YEARS |        |           |
|       | Support                     | Oppose | No answer |

### REGION

|                    |              |             |            |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 80<br>83.3%  | 11<br>11.5% | 5<br>5.2%  |
| Baltimore City     | 52<br>80.0%  | 9<br>13.8%  | 4<br>6.2%  |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 232<br>84.1% | 29<br>10.5% | 15<br>5.4% |
| Washington Suburbs | 220<br>78.9% | 50<br>17.9% | 9<br>3.2%  |
| Western Maryland   | 88<br>88.9%  | 9<br>9.1%   | 2<br>2.0%  |

**INTENSITY - Mandatory Minimum For Dealing Fentanyl *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?***

| <u>MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Strongly support                      | 550           | 67.5 %         |
| Somewhat support                      | 122           | 15.0 %         |
| Somewhat oppose                       | 56            | 6.9 %          |
| Strongly oppose                       | 52            | 6.4 %          |
| No answer                             | 35            | 4.3 %          |
| Total                                 | 815           | 100.0 %        |

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| <u>MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                        |                        |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly support</u>               | <u>Somewhat support</u> | <u>Somewhat oppose</u> | <u>Strongly oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

PARTY REGISTRATION

|              |              |             |            |            |            |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Democrat     | 265<br>58.9% | 77<br>17.1% | 42<br>9.3% | 38<br>8.4% | 28<br>6.2% |
| Republican   | 186<br>86.1% | 16<br>7.4%  | 6<br>2.8%  | 5<br>2.3%  | 3<br>1.4%  |
| Unaffiliated | 99<br>66.4%  | 29<br>19.5% | 8<br>5.4%  | 9<br>6.0%  | 4<br>2.7%  |

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| <u>MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY</u> |                         |                        |                        |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Strongly support</u>               | <u>Somewhat support</u> | <u>Somewhat oppose</u> | <u>Strongly oppose</u> | <u>No answer</u> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

|                  |              |             |            |             |             |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| White            | 325<br>68.7% | 71<br>15.0% | 39<br>8.2% | 16<br>3.4%  | 22<br>4.7%  |
| African American | 157<br>64.3% | 38<br>15.6% | 13<br>5.3% | 34<br>13.9% | 2<br>0.8%   |
| Other/No answer  | 68<br>69.4%  | 13<br>13.3% | 4<br>4.1%  | 2<br>2.0%   | 11<br>11.2% |

## Gonzales Poll – Part 1: Maryland Statewide

|       |                                |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| N=815 | MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|       | Strongly support               | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### GENDER

|        |              |             |            |            |            |
|--------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Female | 294<br>66.2% | 62<br>14.0% | 33<br>7.4% | 35<br>7.9% | 20<br>4.5% |
| Male   | 256<br>69.0% | 60<br>16.2% | 23<br>6.2% | 17<br>4.6% | 15<br>4.0% |

|       |                                |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| N=815 | MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|       | Strongly support               | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### AGE

|              |              |             |            |            |            |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 18 to 34     | 88<br>67.2%  | 20<br>15.3% | 10<br>7.6% | 8<br>6.1%  | 5<br>3.8%  |
| 35 to 49     | 124<br>63.3% | 31<br>15.8% | 19<br>9.7% | 11<br>5.6% | 11<br>5.6% |
| 50 to 64     | 171<br>67.6% | 36<br>14.2% | 20<br>7.9% | 18<br>7.1% | 8<br>3.2%  |
| 65 and older | 167<br>71.1% | 35<br>14.9% | 7<br>3.0%  | 15<br>6.4% | 11<br>4.7% |

|       |                                |                  |                 |                 |           |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| N=815 | MANDATORY 10 YEARS - INTENSITY |                  |                 |                 |           |
|       | Strongly support               | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |

### REGION

|                    |              |             |            |             |            |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 65<br>67.7%  | 15<br>15.6% | 7<br>7.3%  | 4<br>4.2%   | 5<br>5.2%  |
| Baltimore City     | 45<br>69.2%  | 7<br>10.8%  | 6<br>9.2%  | 3<br>4.6%   | 4<br>6.2%  |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 194<br>70.3% | 38<br>13.8% | 16<br>5.8% | 13<br>4.7%  | 15<br>5.4% |
| Washington Suburbs | 175<br>62.7% | 45<br>16.1% | 21<br>7.5% | 29<br>10.4% | 9<br>3.2%  |
| Western Maryland   | 71<br>71.7%  | 17<br>17.2% | 6<br>6.1%  | 3<br>3.0%   | 2<br>2.0%  |

## Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

| <u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Democrat                  | 450           | 55.2 %         |
| Republican                | 216           | 26.5 %         |
| Unaffiliated              | 149           | 18.3 %         |
| Total                     | 815           | 100.0 %        |

| <u>GENDER</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Female        | 444           | 54.5 %         |
| Male          | 371           | 45.5 %         |
| Total         | 815           | 100.0 %        |

| <u>AGE</u>   | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 18 to 34     | 131           | 16.1 %         |
| 35 to 49     | 196           | 24.0 %         |
| 50 to 64     | 253           | 31.0 %         |
| 65 and older | 235           | 28.8 %         |
| Total        | 815           | 100.0 %        |

| <u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| White                 | 473           | 58.0 %         |
| African American      | 244           | 29.9 %         |
| Other/No answer       | 98            | 12.0 %         |
| Total                 | 815           | 100.0 %        |

| <u>REGION</u>      | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Eastern Shore      | 96            | 11.8 %         |
| Baltimore City     | 65            | 8.0 %          |
| Baltimore Suburbs  | 276           | 33.9 %         |
| Washington Suburbs | 279           | 34.2 %         |
| Western Maryland   | 99            | 12.1 %         |
| Total              | 815           | 100.0 %        |

### **Regional Groupings**

**Eastern Shore/Southern MD** – includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

**Baltimore City** – includes Baltimore City.

**Baltimore Suburbs** – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard counties.

**Washington Suburbs** – includes Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties.

**Western Maryland** – includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties.