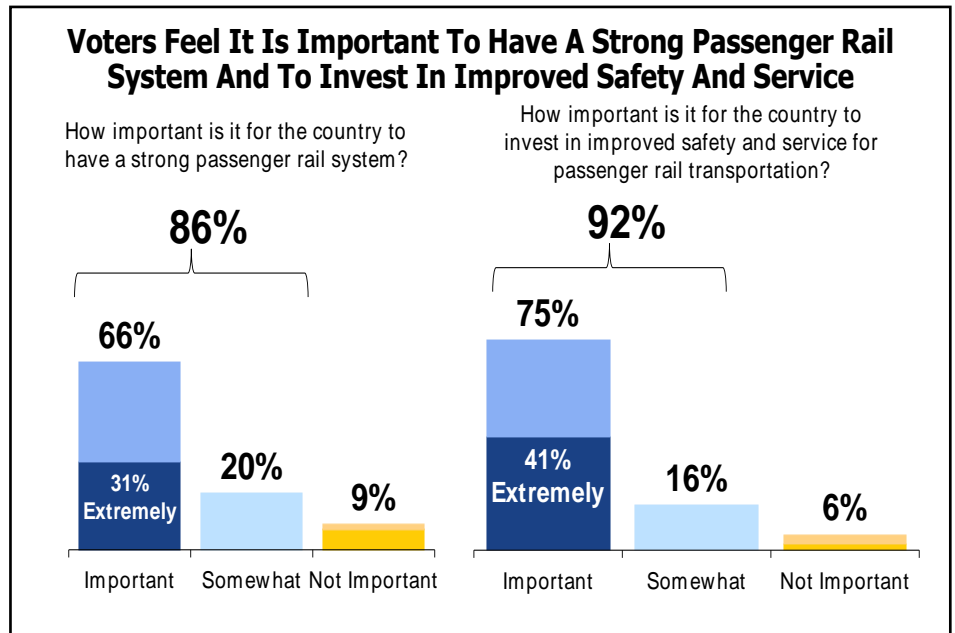


TO: Interested Parties
FROM: The Mellman Group
DATE: May 31, 2023
RE: Large Majorities Support National And State Investment In Passenger Rail

This analysis represents the findings of a survey of 1,000 registered voters. The survey was conducted online and fielded March 22 – March 26, 2023. The margin of error is +/-3.1% overall at a 95% level of confidence; higher for subgroups.

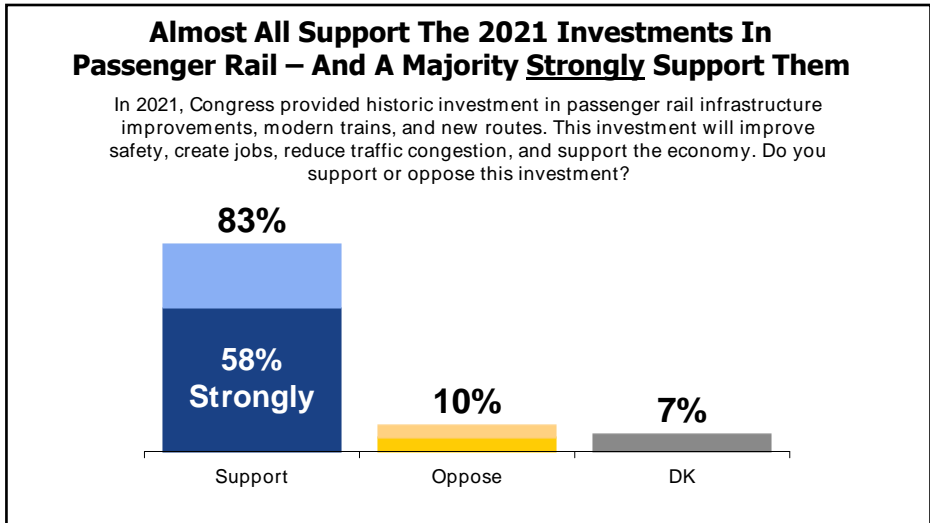
Our recent national survey shows almost all voters (92%) believe it is important to invest in improved safety and service for passenger rail, and 41% feel it is extremely important. An overwhelming 83% support the national rail investments passed last year with 81% supporting their own state doing similar investments in passenger rail. The most important benefits of the investment include increased safety, job creation and continuing rail service to all areas.

Voters believe that the country needs to invest in passenger rail, with 86% saying it is important to have a strong passenger rail system, and 31% extremely important. Almost all voters (92%) feel it is important to invest in safety and service; with 41% saying it is extremely important. Large majorities extend across key demographics including gender, age, race and geography.



There is also widespread support for the 2021 investments in passenger rail passed last year as part of the “Infrastructure and Jobs Act”. An 83% majority support the investments, and 58% strongly support it, with only 10% opposed. This majority strong support also extends across gender, age, race and geography.

All the individual potential benefits of the bill tested were seen as “very important” by a majority of voters. The top-rated items were



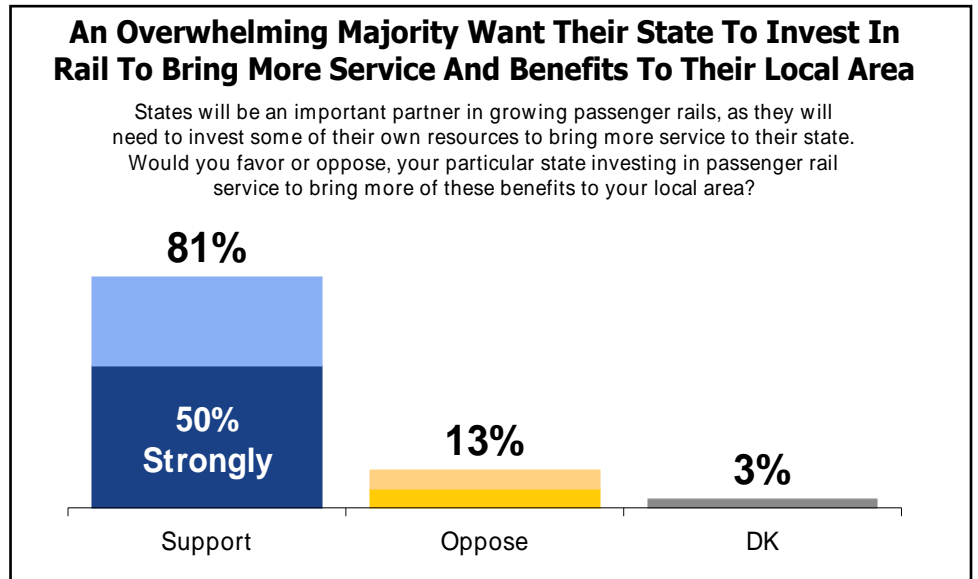
seen as very important by over two-thirds including increased safety (78% important), job creation (73%), strengthening the area economy (73%) and continuing service to all areas of the country (69%). A 61% majority felt it was very important to “expand access to more areas of the country”.

Top Benefits Of Rail Investment Are Safety, Jobs And Service To All Areas

Below are some of the benefits of these investments. For each item, indicate how important that particular benefit is to you. Is it one of the most important benefits, a very important benefit, somewhat important..., not too...or not at all ...?

			Total Important
Enhancing Safety Standards	34% One of Most Important	78%	95%
Creating Jobs	24%	73%	92%
Strengthening The Area Economy	22%	73%	92%
Continuing Service To All Areas Of The Country	20%	69%	91%
Reducing Traffic Congestion On Our Roads	25%	68%	90%
Lowering The Cost Of Consumer Travel	22%	67%	91%
Limiting Disruptions And Delays	16%	66%	91%
Increasing Energy Efficiency	25%	65%	87%
Expanding Access To More Areas Of The Country	19%	61%	88%
Shortening Travel Times	15%	54%	88%

There is also widespread support for state investment in passenger rail, with 81% supporting their own state investing in passenger rail to bring more rail service to their own state. A full 50% strongly support their own state making the investment in passenger rail, with only 13% opposed.



Together, these results show that voters, across demographics, see improvements to passenger rail as a priority; with strong support for continued investment at both the federal and state level.

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