

## CONNECTICUT CITIZENS FOR BALLOT INITIATIVE

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PRESS STATEMENT

SUBJECT:  
**BALLOT INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM**

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Connecticut Citizens for Ballot Initiative is a non-partisan, grass roots political action committee dedicated to bringing an initiative and referendum mechanism to Connecticut by supporting and electing candidates in the November election who support Initiative and Referendum rights for Connecticut citizens.

Connecticut Citizens for Ballot Initiative is affiliated with no special interest, and is very modestly self-funded. We are a concept campaign, and have been in existence since January 21, 2010 and have concentrated on citizen education and advocacy. Through these efforts, we have identified many candidates from all parties who support Initiative and Referendum rights.

To assist us in evaluating and gauging Connecticut citizens on the initiative and referendum question, we are releasing a recent **Rasmussen** poll done on July 15, 2010. The question presented to 500 likely Connecticut voters was:

***‘In 26 States, citizens can sign a petition to put laws or constitutional amendments on the ballot to be decided by the voters at a statewide election. This process is known as initiative and referendum. Would you favor or oppose the initiative and referendum process in your state?’***

The results in Connecticut are:

***65% Favor  
14% Oppose  
20% Not sure***

The poll was broken down into several categories including: gender, age, race, party affiliation, ideology and income. Several statistics are eye-openers. The 92%-8% ratio on voters aged 18-29; the 74%-11% margin for those not affiliated with a major party; and the 86%-11% margin for wage earners with incomes between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00.

All in all these poll results are a very startling and strong message from Connecticut voters showing deep and strong support for Initiative and Referendum from all across the political and cultural divide.

WE IMPLORE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS to listen to the message these poll results express and approve meaningful Initiative and Referendum legislation in the 2011 Legislative session.

We have attached the poll results to this statement.

All questions and inquiries should be directed to John Woodcock, Chairman.

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