



## **IOWA 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT**

### **PASSENGER RAIL AND TWO-PERSON CREW SURVEY NOVEMBER, 2015**

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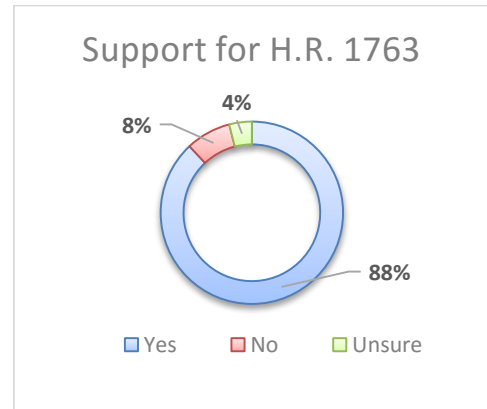
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## Executive Summary

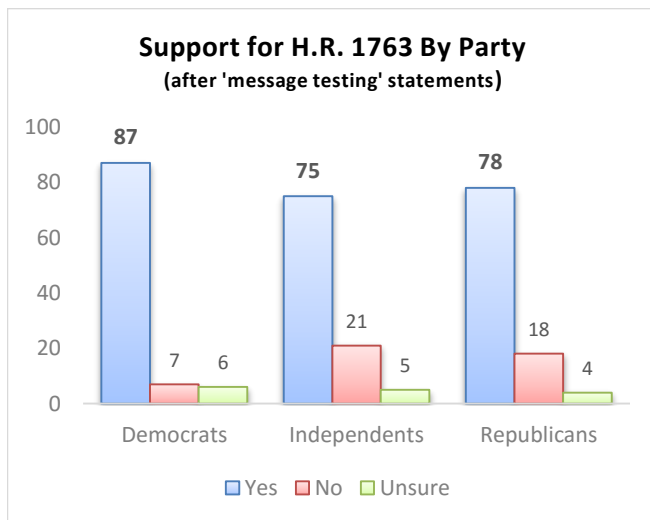
Residents of Iowa's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District strongly support legislation (introduced as H.R. 1763 by Republican Congressman Don Young of Alaska) which would require a crew of two individuals to operate any freight train in the United States; 88 percent of district residents' support H.R. 1763, to only eight percent opposed. The survey was conducted November 4-11 consisting of 400 random district residents using both landline and cell phones.

Respondents were also asked about passenger rail, train derailment concerns, and message testing of commonly used arguments by both rail management and labor regarding their position on two-person crew legislation.

After the initial test for support levels of two-person crew legislation, respondents were presented three statements commonly used for and against two-person crew legislation, and asked if they found the statements either 'convincing' or 'not that convincing'. Findings include:



- Almost nine-in-ten (89 percent) find convincing, "having two people on a train allows the crew members to supervise and communicate with each other to help avoid mistakes the may contribute to an accident". This is the most convincing of five arguments in favor of a crew of two. (question 21 series)
- Statements against passage of two-person crew legislation are from a 2013 letter from the American Association of Railroads (AAR) to members of Congress and some position statements from a major railroad. All of the railroads' positions fall flat with the public. Even the strongest positions, "commuter rail operates thousands of trains a day with one person in the locomotive, and the data going back to the 1970s shows an excellent safety record" was found 'convincing' by only 33 percent. (question 22b)



After hearing arguments both pro/con for passage of H.R. 1763, only 15 percent are convinced that federal legislation is not needed. Furthermore, research data shows that two-person crew legislation is not a wedge issue to district voters; support levels vary little between self-identified Republicans (78 percent) and those who identify as Democrats (87 percent).

In conclusion, no matter who you are, where you live, or what your partisan inclinations, Iowa 1<sup>st</sup> District residents support passage of federal legislation requiring a crew of two on all freight trains.

## Methodology

The results presented are based on a stratified random sample of 400 residents in Iowa's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. The sample was stratified by five geographic regions to ensure a representative sample; all calls conducted by live callers using both landline and cell phones.

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Linn County       | 28 percent |
| Black Hawk County | 17 percent |
| Dubuque Area      | 15 percent |
| Northern Counties | 17 percent |
| Southern Counties | 23 percent |

(counties divided by northern border of Black Hawk to Dubuque counties )

After the numbers were stratified into the appropriate region, telephone numbers were selected at random using a skip pattern to guarantee interviews were distributed throughout the region. Each number in the stratified sample had the same non-zero chance of being selected for an interview.

Telephone interviews were conducted by trained staff of Stone Research Services of Indianapolis, Indiana, using a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) system for landline phones. Cell phone interviews are dialed manually to comply with the 1991 Telemarketing Consumer Protection Act. To ensure everyone in the household would have an equal chance of being selected, callers would ask to interview the resident over the age of 18 who had the most recent birthday.

Final results are weighted based on gender, age, and education to conform to the approximate population based on U.S. Census Bureau demographic data.

| <u>Gender</u> |     | <u>Age</u> |     | <u>Education</u>  |     |
|---------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Male          | 49% | 18-39      | 37% | High School/Less  | 41% |
| Female        | 51% | 40-64      | 42% | Some College/AA   | 33% |
|               |     | 65+        | 21% | Bachelor/Graduate | 26% |

The final results presented are subject to sampling error, which is the difference between results obtained from the survey and those that would be obtained if every adult was interviewed in the district. The margin of error, is  $\pm 4.9$  percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level; meaning that in 19 out of 20 times, the individual responses would be within the margin of error (confidence interval). For example, if a final result of a question resulted in an answer of 50 percent, the confidence interval would be between 44.9 to 55.1 percent. Where appropriate in the survey, question and answer choices are randomized to help reduce bias; due to rounding, numbers may not equal 100 percent; question numbers are pre-set due to same questions being asked on multiple surveys, which could result in number skips on final report.

Project management and final analysis of the data was completed by Dean Mitchell of DFM Research based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In addition to his 24 years of political experience, Dean has completed course work in survey techniques and statistics as part of his Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

# **Topline**

**Interviews:** 400 respondents by live caller from Stone Research Services of Indianapolis, Indiana

**Margin of Error:** ±4.9 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence

**Interview Dates:** November 4-11

**Sample:** Landline and cell phone sample. Random digit numbers provided by Survey Sample International (SSI) of Fairfield, CT. SSI provided Stone Research with 6,000 residential random phone numbers from a pool of listed and unlisted numbers in the boundary area and 2,000 cell phone numbers, which then were stratified into five distinct geographical regions.

**Survey Sponsor:** SMART Transportation Division’s Iowa State Legislative Board

**Q1:** Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Right Direction ..... | <b>32%</b> |
| Wrong Track .....     | <b>58</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>11</b>  |

**Q2:** And generally speaking, do you think Iowa is moving in the right direction, or is Iowa off on the wrong track?

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Right Direction ..... | <b>52%</b> |
| Wrong Track .....     | <b>37</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>11</b>  |

**Q3:** I’m now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

|                     | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Neutral (VOL)</u> | <u>Never Heard Of</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| A – Barack Obama    | <b>49%</b>       | <b>47</b>          | <b>5</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| B – Chuck Grassley  | <b>68</b>        | <b>27</b>          | <b>4</b>             | <b>1</b>              |
| C – Joni Ernest     | <b>50</b>        | <b>38</b>          | <b>8</b>             | <b>4</b>              |
| E – Rod Blum        | <b>36</b>        | <b>31</b>          | <b>21</b>            | <b>13</b>             |
| F – Donald Trump    | <b>35</b>        | <b>39</b>          | <b>6</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| G – Hillary Clinton | <b>47</b>        | <b>48</b>          | <b>5</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| H – Marco Rubio     | <b>36</b>        | <b>35</b>          | <b>17</b>            | <b>11</b>             |
| I – Pat Murphy      | <b>27</b>        | <b>22</b>          | <b>23</b>            | <b>27</b>             |
| J – Monica Vernon   | <b>19</b>        | <b>16</b>          | <b>20</b>            | <b>46</b>             |

**Q4:** Now let’s look ahead to the 2016 general election. If the election was held today for U.S. President, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote? (n=328 likely voters; MoE ±5.4% pts)

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Hillary Clinton ..... | <b>48%</b> |
| Donald Trump .....    | <b>39</b>  |
| (VOL) Other .....     | <b>10</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>3</b>   |

**Q5:** Now suppose the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote? (n=328 likely voters; MoE ±5.4% pts)

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Hillary Clinton ..... | <b>48%</b> |
| Marco Rubio .....     | <b>41</b>  |
| (VOL) Other .....     | <b>6</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>5</b>   |

**Q6:** And in the race for U.S. House of Representatives here in the 1st District. If the election was held today and the candidates were Pat Murphy the Democrat and Rod Blum the Republican, for whom would you vote? (n=328 likely voters; MoE ±5.4% pts)

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Pat Murphy .....   | <b>42%</b> |
| Rod Blum .....     | <b>45</b>  |
| (VOL) Other .....  | <b>2</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>10</b>  |

**Q7:** And now suppose the candidates for U.S. House of Representatives were Monica Vernon the Democrat and Rod Blum the Republican, for whom would you vote? (n=328 likely voters; MoE ±5.4% pts)

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Monica Vernon ..... | <b>38%</b> |
| Rod Blum .....      | <b>46</b>  |
| (VOL) Other .....   | <b>2</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure .....  | <b>13</b>  |

**Q10:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

|   | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Neutral (VOL)</u> | <u>Never Heard Of</u> |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| A – Amtrak                                | <b>75%</b>       | <b>11</b>          | <b>12</b>            | <b>3</b>              |
| B – Public Transportation                 | <b>85</b>        | <b>9</b>           | <b>6</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| C – Freight Railroads, like Union Pacific | <b>77</b>        | <b>6</b>           | <b>14</b>            | <b>4</b>              |
| D – Transporting Crude Oil by Rail        | <b>52</b>        | <b>32</b>          | <b>13</b>            | <b>2</b>              |
| E – Labor Unions                          | <b>62</b>        | <b>30</b>          | <b>8</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| F – Chamber of Commerce                   | <b>68</b>        | <b>19</b>          | <b>11</b>            | <b>2</b>              |
| G – the NRA                               | <b>48</b>        | <b>38</b>          | <b>9</b>             | <b>4</b>              |
| H – Planned Parenthood                    | <b>59</b>        | <b>34</b>          | <b>6</b>             | <b>0</b>              |

**Q11:** Now thinking about Iowa's transportation infrastructure – including roads, highways, bridges, rail, air, and public transportation – how would you rate it?

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Excellent .....    | <b>1%</b> |
| Good .....         | <b>24</b> |
| Satisfactory ..... | <b>44</b> |
| Poor .....         | <b>21</b> |
| Failing .....      | <b>10</b> |

**Q12:** And when it comes to spending on transportation needs here in Iowa, do you think the government spends too much, about the right amount, or not enough on transportation needs?

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Too Much .....     | 4% |
| About Right .....  | 25 |
| Not Enough .....   | 64 |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | 7  |

**Q13a:** I now want to ask a few questions about Amtrak. Thinking back the past two years or so, how often would you have been a passenger of Amtrak whether here in Iowa or anywhere else in the country?

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Never.....                 | 87% |
| One to Two Times .....     | 10  |
| Three to Five Times .....  | 2   |
| More than Five Times ..... | 1   |

**Q13b:** Currently Amtrak has one daily passenger trains route running through southern Iowa with service from Chicago to San Francisco. When it comes to passenger rail service here in Iowa, which best fits your view?

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Passenger rail should increase .....        | 56% |
| Passenger rail should remain the same ..... | 32  |
| Passenger rail should be eliminated .....   | 4   |
| (VOL) Unsure .....                          | 9   |

**Q14:** Some have suggested that Amtrak service should expand service here in Iowa with service from Des Moines to Chicago. Generally speaking do you support or oppose this idea?

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Support .....      | 77% |
| Oppose .....       | 15  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | 8   |

**Q15a:** Critics of Amtrak point out that the federal government spends over \$1 billion dollars per year to subsidize passenger rail service – about 25 percent of its total budget -- and that as a nation we can no longer afford Amtrak and its national rail network.

One amendment that has been proposed is to eliminate ALL Amtrak funding, which would likely mean no passenger rail service here in Iowa and most of America. Suppose you could vote on this bill, would you?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Support the amendment, eliminating ALL Amtrak funding .....        | 16% |
| Oppose the amendment, keeping Amtrak funded at current levels .... | 76  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....   | 8   |

**Q15b:** Additional regional Amtrak service to Chicago from both Dubuque and Des Moines, will require the state to pay the ‘full’ operational cost, which could be up to \$3 million dollars per year. Knowing this, do you support or oppose additional Amtrak service here in Iowa?

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Support .....      | 52% |
| Oppose .....       | 40  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | 8   |

**Now turning to some other rail issues**

**Q16:** How worried are you about a train derailling in your community?

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Very Worried .....          | <b>4%</b> |
| Fairly Worried .....        | <b>2</b>  |
| Just Somewhat Worried ..... | <b>14</b> |
| Not that Worried .....      | <b>79</b> |

**Q17:** Based on what you know, how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Iowa?

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| One .....          | <b>8%</b> |
| Two .....          | <b>20</b> |
| Three .....        | <b>18</b> |
| Four or More ..... | <b>37</b> |
| Don't Know .....   | <b>17</b> |

**Currently most freight trains in America operate with a crew of two people; but there are efforts by some railroads to reduce the crew to just one person on some trains.**

**Q18:** When it comes to railroad safety and operations, do you think a train with a crew of one individual can be operated as safe as a train with a crew of two individuals?

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Yes, one operator can be as safe as two ..... | <b>6%</b> |
| No, one operator cannot be as safe .....      | <b>91</b> |
| (VOL) Unsure .....                            | <b>3</b>  |

**Q19:** Now let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with only a crew of one, now how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Very Worried .....          | <b>21%</b> |
| Fairly Worried .....        | <b>20</b>  |
| Just Somewhat Worried ..... | <b>31</b>  |
| Not that Worried .....      | <b>27</b>  |

**Q20:** Some in Congress want to enact a federal law, known as H.R. 1763, the Safe Freight Act, and if passed would require all freight trains in the United States to operate with a crew of two. Suppose you could vote on the federal law. Would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Yes, Pass .....    | <b>88%</b> |
| No, Reject .....   | <b>8</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>4</b>   |

**Q21:** I now want to read you a few reasons why some **WANT** to see H.R. 1763 requiring a crew of two on all freight trains to become law. For each reason, tell me if you find it a convincing or not that convincing reason to **PASS** H.R. 1763: (Q21a-e, 3 of 5 randomly asked; n=240 respondents; MoE  $\pm 6.3\%$  pts)

**Q21a:** It takes two crew members to properly secure a train when that train is going to be left unattended.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>69%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>21</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>10</b>  |

**Q21b:** Having two crew members on a train provides better monitoring of traffic at public road crossings.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>80%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>18</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>2</b>   |

**Q21c:** Having two people on a train allows the crew members to supervise and communicate with each other to help avoid mistakes that may contribute to an accident.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>89%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>8</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>3</b>   |

**Q21d:** The Federal Railroad Administration has stated its belief that multiple person crews enhance safety.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>84%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>11</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>5</b>   |

**Q21e:** According to federal regulations, the engineer is not allowed to leave the locomotive cab while operating the train. A second crew member is necessary to investigate incidents such as derailment or a collision between a train and a motor vehicle at a crossing.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>86%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>11</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>3</b>   |

**Q22:** I now want to read you a few reasons why some **DO NOT** want to see H.R. 1763 requiring a crew of two on all freight trains to become law. For each reason, tell me if you find it a convincing or not that convincing reason to **NOT PASS** H.R. 1763:

**Q22a:** Train crew size is addressed in the collective bargaining process between rail management and rail labor, and a law is not needed.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>13%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>79</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>7</b>   |



**Q22b:** Commuter rail operates thousands of trains a day with one person in the locomotive, and the data going back to the 1970s shows an excellent safety record.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>33%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>62</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>6</b>   |

**Q22c:** If two-person train crew legislation passes, it will hinder investment and implementation of safe, cost-saving technology like Positive Train Control, which is advanced technology designed to automatically stop a train before certain types of accidents.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Convincing .....          | <b>32%</b> |
| Not That Convincing ..... | <b>61</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....        | <b>7</b>   |

**Q23:** Now considering everything you just heard about H.R. 1763, The Safe Freight Act. If you could vote on this federal legislation once again, would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Yes, Pass .....    | <b>80%</b> |
| No, Reject .....   | <b>15</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>5</b>   |

**Q24a:** Currently the Railroads are required by law to implement advanced technology -- known at Positive Train Control -- which is designed to make railroads safer and stop a train before certain type of accidents. Generally speaking, do you think Positive Train Control will improve rail safety?

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Yes .....          | <b>81%</b> |
| No .....           | <b>12</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>7</b>   |

**Q24b:** When it comes to rail safety, train crew size and the latest rail technology, which option makes the most sense to you?

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Only two-person crew, no advanced rail technology .....           | <b>1</b>   |
| Two person crew, using advanced rail technology .....             | <b>68%</b> |
| Advanced rail technology as replacement of a train crew member .  | <b>4</b>   |
| Let railroads and rail unions decide which option is safest ..... | <b>25</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....  | <b>2</b>   |

**Q24c:** Based on what you know, do you trust advanced rail technology as a replacement of a train crew member?

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Yes .....          | <b>20%</b> |
| No .....           | <b>71</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>9</b>   |

**Q25:** Now thinking about everything we talked about, suppose a candidate running for office supported or sponsored legislation requiring two individuals on all freight trains; come election time, would you be more likely to support that candidate, less likely to support that candidate, or would not make a difference when it comes to your support?

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| More Likely .....   | <b>30%</b> |
| Less Likely .....   | <b>2</b>   |
| No Difference ..... | <b>63</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....  | <b>5</b>   |

**Q95:** When it comes to political parties, do you consider yourself a:

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Democrat.....        | <b>35%</b> |
| an Independent ..... | <b>35</b>  |
| Republican .....     | <b>30</b>  |

## Select Key Crosstabs

**Q1:** Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Right Direction ..... | <b>32%</b> |
| Wrong Track .....     | <b>58</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>11</b>  |

| <u>Gender</u>                   | <u>RD</u> | <u>WT</u> | <u>Unsure</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Men                             | 29%       | 59        | 12            |
| Women                           | 34        | 57        | 9             |
| <br><u>Age</u>                  |           |           |               |
| 18-39                           | 30        | 60        | 10            |
| 40-64                           | 35        | 55        | 10            |
| 65 plus                         | 27        | 60        | 13            |
| <br><u>Education</u>            |           |           |               |
| High School                     | 28        | 60        | 12            |
| Some College                    | 27        | 63        | 10            |
| College Degree                  | 43        | 48        | 9             |
| <br><u>Region</u>               |           |           |               |
| Linn County                     | 33        | 53        | 14            |
| Black Hawk County               | 26        | 63        | 11            |
| Dubuque Area                    | 47        | 43        | 10            |
| Northern Counties               | 31        | 56        | 13            |
| Southern Counties               | 24        | 71        | 5             |
| <br><u>Party Identification</u> |           |           |               |
| Democrat                        | 57        | 30        | 13            |
| Independent                     | 27        | 64        | 9             |
| Republican                      | 7         | 83        | 10            |

**Q2:** And generally speaking, do you think Iowa is moving in the right direction, or is Iowa off on the wrong track?

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Right Direction ..... | <b>52%</b> |
| Wrong Track .....     | <b>37</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....    | <b>11</b>  |

| <b><u>Gender</u></b> | <b><u>RD</u></b> | <b><u>WT</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Men                  | 56%              | 34               | 10                   |
| Women                | 48               | 40               | 13                   |

| <b><u>Age</u></b> |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| 18-39             | 58 | 31 | 11 |
| 40-64             | 48 | 45 | 7  |
| 65 plus           | 49 | 32 | 19 |

| <b><u>Education</u></b> |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| High School             | 55 | 31 | 14 |
| Some College            | 45 | 44 | 11 |
| College Degree          | 54 | 38 | 8  |

| <b><u>Region</u></b> |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Linn County          | 37 | 52 | 11 |
| Black Hawk County    | 53 | 35 | 12 |
| Dubuque Area         | 66 | 17 | 17 |
| Northern Counties    | 62 | 31 | 7  |
| Southern Counties    | 52 | 38 | 10 |

| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Democrat                           | 52 | 41 | 7  |
| Independent                        | 42 | 43 | 14 |
| Republican                         | 62 | 25 | 13 |

**Q3:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Barack Obama**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Favorable .....      | <b>49%</b> |
| Unfavorable .....    | <b>47</b>  |
| (VOL) Neutral .....  | <b>5</b>   |
| Never Heard Of ..... | <b>0</b>   |

| <u><b>Gender</b></u>               | <u><b>Favorable</b></u> | <u><b>Unfavorable</b></u> | <u><b>Neutral</b></u> | <u><b>NHO</b></u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Men                                | 36%                     | 61                        | 3                     | 0                 |
| Women                              | 39                      | 56                        | 5                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Age</b></u>                  |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| 18-39                              | 49                      | 45                        | 6                     | 0                 |
| 40-64                              | 38                      | 60                        | 2                     | 0                 |
| 65 plus                            | 28                      | 67                        | 5                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Education</b></u>            |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| High School                        | 44                      | 50                        | 6                     | 0                 |
| Some College                       | 33                      | 63                        | 4                     | 0                 |
| College Degree                     | 41                      | 58                        | 2                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Region</b></u>               |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Linn County                        | 55                      | 41                        | 5                     | 0                 |
| Black Hawk County                  | 40                      | 58                        | 1                     | 0                 |
| Dubuque Area                       | 57                      | 31                        | 12                    | 0                 |
| Northern Counties                  | 47                      | 48                        | 4                     | 0                 |
| Southern Counties                  | 42                      | 54                        | 3                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Party Identification</b></u> |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Democrat                           | 75                      | 22                        | 3                     | 0                 |
| Independent                        | 26                      | 69                        | 5                     | 0                 |
| Republican                         | 8                       | 88                        | 4                     | 0                 |

**Q3:** I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Rod Blum**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Favorable .....      | <b>36%</b> |
| Unfavorable .....    | <b>31</b>  |
| (VOL) Neutral .....  | <b>21</b>  |
| Never Heard Of ..... | <b>13</b>  |

| <u><b>Gender</b></u>               | <u><b>Favorable</b></u> | <u><b>Unfavorable</b></u> | <u><b>Neutral</b></u> | <u><b>NHO</b></u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Men                                | 39%                     | 36                        | 20                    | 6                 |
| Women                              | 33                      | 26                        | 21                    | 20                |
| <u><b>Age</b></u>                  |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| 18-39                              | 33                      | 31                        | 19                    | 18                |
| 40-64                              | 36                      | 31                        | 23                    | 10                |
| 65 plus                            | 39                      | 30                        | 18                    | 13                |
| <u><b>Education</b></u>            |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| High School                        | 36                      | 28                        | 20                    | 16                |
| Some College                       | 37                      | 29                        | 22                    | 13                |
| College Degree                     | 33                      | 36                        | 20                    | 10                |
| <u><b>Region</b></u>               |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Linn County                        | 30                      | 41                        | 18                    | 11                |
| Black Hawk County                  | 46                      | 23                        | 21                    | 9                 |
| Dubuque Area                       | 48                      | 33                        | 12                    | 7                 |
| Northern Counties                  | 35                      | 24                        | 26                    | 15                |
| Southern Counties                  | 27                      | 26                        | 25                    | 22                |
| <u><b>Party Identification</b></u> |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Democrat                           | 17                      | 50                        | 19                    | 14                |
| Independent                        | 40                      | 26                        | 22                    | 12                |
| Republican                         | 52                      | 14                        | 21                    | 14                |

**Q10:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Amtrak**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Favorable .....      | <b>75%</b> |
| Unfavorable .....    | <b>11</b>  |
| (VOL) Neutral .....  | <b>12</b>  |
| Never Heard Of ..... | <b>3</b>   |

| <u><b>Gender</b></u>               | <u><b>Favorable</b></u> | <u><b>Unfavorable</b></u> | <u><b>Neutral</b></u> | <u><b>NHO</b></u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Men                                | 69%                     | 16                        | 13                    | 2                 |
| Women                              | 80                      | 6                         | 10                    | 3                 |
| <u><b>Age</b></u>                  |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| 18-39                              | 69                      | 11                        | 15                    | 5                 |
| 40-64                              | 79                      | 12                        | 8                     | 1                 |
| 65 plus                            | 77                      | 9                         | 11                    | 3                 |
| <u><b>Education</b></u>            |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| High School                        | 76                      | 9                         | 12                    | 4                 |
| Some College                       | 75                      | 11                        | 10                    | 3                 |
| College Degree                     | 73                      | 13                        | 12                    | 1                 |
| <u><b>Region</b></u>               |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Linn County                        | 76                      | 9                         | 13                    | 2                 |
| Black Hawk County                  | 74                      | 12                        | 12                    | 2                 |
| Dubuque Area                       | 79                      | 9                         | 10                    | 2                 |
| Northern Counties                  | 77                      | 9                         | 10                    | 4                 |
| Southern Counties                  | 71                      | 15                        | 11                    | 3                 |
| <u><b>Party Identification</b></u> |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Democrat                           | 83                      | 6                         | 7                     | 4                 |
| Independent                        | 73                      | 12                        | 14                    | 1                 |
| Republican                         | 68                      | 15                        | 14                    | 3                 |

**Q10:** I'm now going to read you some additional names, for each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

**Labor Unions**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Favorable .....      | <b>62%</b> |
| Unfavorable .....    | <b>30</b>  |
| (VOL) Neutral .....  | <b>8</b>   |
| Never Heard Of ..... | <b>0</b>   |

| <u><b>Gender</b></u>               | <u><b>Favorable</b></u> | <u><b>Unfavorable</b></u> | <u><b>Neutral</b></u> | <u><b>NHO</b></u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Men                                | 59%                     | 35                        | 6                     | 0                 |
| Women                              | 64                      | 25                        | 11                    | 0                 |
| <u><b>Age</b></u>                  |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| 18-39                              | 61                      | 31                        | 8                     | 0                 |
| 40-64                              | 62                      | 29                        | 9                     | 0                 |
| 65 plus                            | 65                      | 28                        | 8                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Education</b></u>            |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| High School                        | 68                      | 25                        | 8                     | 0                 |
| Some College                       | 59                      | 31                        | 10                    | 0                 |
| College Degree                     | 56                      | 36                        | 8                     | 0                 |
| <u><b>Region</b></u>               |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Linn County                        | 68                      | 29                        | 4                     | 0                 |
| Black Hawk County                  | 70                      | 23                        | 8                     | 0                 |
| Dubuque Area                       | 69                      | 24                        | 7                     | 0                 |
| Northern Counties                  | 50                      | 35                        | 15                    | 0                 |
| Southern Counties                  | 54                      | 35                        | 11                    | 0                 |
| <u><b>Party Identification</b></u> |                         |                           |                       |                   |
| Democrat                           | 86                      | 9                         | 5                     | 0                 |
| Independent                        | 56                      | 32                        | 12                    | 0                 |
| Republican                         | 41                      | 52                        | 7                     | 0                 |



**Q13b:** Currently Amtrak has one daily passenger trains route running through southern Iowa with service from Chicago to San Francisco. When it comes to passenger rail service here in Iowa, which best fits your view?

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Passenger rail should increase .....        | <b>56%</b> |
| Passenger rail should remain the same ..... | <b>32</b>  |
| Passenger rail should be eliminated .....   | <b>4</b>   |
| (VOL) Unsure .....                          | <b>9</b>   |

| <b><u>Gender</u></b>               | <b><u>Increase</u></b> | <b><u>Same</u></b> | <b><u>Eliminated</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Men                                | 51%                    | 33                 | 7                        | 8                    |
| Women                              | 59                     | 31                 | 0                        | 9                    |
| <b><u>Age</u></b>                  |                        |                    |                          |                      |
| 18-39                              | 49                     | 37                 | 1                        | 12                   |
| 40-64                              | 61                     | 29                 | 6                        | 3                    |
| 65 plus                            | 54                     | 30                 | 3                        | 13                   |
| <b><u>Education</u></b>            |                        |                    |                          |                      |
| High School                        | 51                     | 39                 | 2                        | 8                    |
| Some College                       | 55                     | 28                 | 6                        | 11                   |
| College Degree                     | 64                     | 27                 | 3                        | 6                    |
| <b><u>Region</u></b>               |                        |                    |                          |                      |
| Linn County                        | 61                     | 25                 | 4                        | 10                   |
| Black Hawk County                  | 51                     | 32                 | 5                        | 12                   |
| Dubuque Area                       | 71                     | 23                 | 2                        | 5                    |
| Northern Counties                  | 46                     | 43                 | 3                        | 9                    |
| Southern Counties                  | 50                     | 39                 | 5                        | 7                    |
| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |                        |                    |                          |                      |
| Democrat                           | 59                     | 33                 | 2                        | 6                    |
| Independent                        | 54                     | 29                 | 4                        | 12                   |
| Republican                         | 53                     | 34                 | 5                        | 7                    |
| <b><u>Amtrak Passenger</u></b>     |                        |                    |                          |                      |
| No                                 | 53                     | 35                 | 4                        | 9                    |
| Yes, Past 2 Years                  | 73                     | 17                 | 2                        | 8                    |

**Q15a:** Critics of Amtrak point out that the federal government spends over \$1 billion dollars per year to subsidize passenger rail service – about 25 percent of its total budget -- and that as a nation we can no longer afford Amtrak and its national rail network.

One amendment that has been proposed is to eliminate ALL Amtrak funding, which would likely mean no passenger rail service here in Iowa and most of America. Suppose you could vote on this bill, would you?

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Support the amendment, eliminating ALL Amtrak funding .....        | <b>16%</b> |
| Oppose the amendment, keeping Amtrak funded at current levels .... | <b>76</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure .....   | <b>8</b>   |

| <b><u>Gender</u></b>               | <b><u>Eliminate Funding</u></b> | <b><u>Keep at Current</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Men                                | 18%                             | 76                            | 6                    |
| Women                              | 15                              | 75                            | 10                   |
| <b><u>Age</u></b>                  |                                 |                               |                      |
| 18-39                              | 18                              | 69                            | 13                   |
| 40-64                              | 15                              | 80                            | 5                    |
| 65 plus                            | 15                              | 78                            | 7                    |
| <b><u>Education</u></b>            |                                 |                               |                      |
| High School                        | 13                              | 78                            | 9                    |
| Some College                       | 20                              | 72                            | 8                    |
| College Degree                     | 16                              | 76                            | 8                    |
| <b><u>Region</u></b>               |                                 |                               |                      |
| Linn County                        | 18                              | 76                            | 6                    |
| Black Hawk County                  | 15                              | 76                            | 9                    |
| Dubuque Area                       | 17                              | 78                            | 5                    |
| Northern Counties                  | 12                              | 80                            | 9                    |
| Southern Counties                  | 17                              | 71                            | 12                   |
| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |                                 |                               |                      |
| Democrat                           | 12                              | 82                            | 5                    |
| Independent                        | 15                              | 73                            | 12                   |
| Republican                         | 22                              | 71                            | 7                    |
| <b><u>Amtrak Passenger</u></b>     |                                 |                               |                      |
| No                                 | 17                              | 75                            | 9                    |
| Yes, Past 2 Years                  | 14                              | 79                            | 8                    |

**Q16:** How worried are you about a train derailling in your community?

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Very Worried .....          | <b>4%</b> |
| Fairly Worried .....        | <b>2</b>  |
| Just Somewhat Worried ..... | <b>14</b> |
| Not that Worried .....      | <b>79</b> |

| <b><u>Gender</u></b>               | <b><u>Very</u></b> | <b><u>Fairly</u></b> | <b><u>Just Somewhat</u></b> | <b><u>Not That</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Men                                | 4%                 | 0                    | 16                          | 80                     |
| Women                              | 5                  | 4                    | 13                          | 79                     |
| <b><u>Age</u></b>                  |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| 18-39                              | 5                  | 2                    | 9                           | 85                     |
| 40-64                              | 4                  | 2                    | 17                          | 78                     |
| 65 plus                            | 4                  | 4                    | 19                          | 74                     |
| <b><u>Education</u></b>            |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| High School                        | 5                  | 4                    | 12                          | 79                     |
| Some College                       | 3                  | 1                    | 12                          | 85                     |
| College Degree                     | 4                  | 2                    | 21                          | 73                     |
| <b><u>Region</u></b>               |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| Linn County                        | 4                  | 3                    | 12                          | 81                     |
| Black Hawk County                  | 2                  | 0                    | 12                          | 86                     |
| Dubuque Area                       | 5                  | 5                    | 29                          | 60                     |
| Northern Counties                  | 9                  | 0                    | 13                          | 77                     |
| Southern Counties                  | 2                  | 2                    | 9                           | 85                     |
| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| Democrat                           | 5                  | 4                    | 15                          | 76                     |
| Independent                        | 3                  | 1                    | 14                          | 82                     |
| Republican                         | 5                  | 1                    | 14                          | 80                     |

**Q19:** Now let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with only a crew of one, now how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

Very Worried ..... **21%**  
 Fairly Worried ..... **20**  
 Just Somewhat Worried ..... **31**  
 Not that Worried ..... **27**

| <b><u>Gender</u></b>               | <b><u>Very</u></b> | <b><u>Fairly</u></b> | <b><u>Just Somewhat</u></b> | <b><u>Not That</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Men                                | 20%                | 19                   | 32                          | 30                     |
| Women                              | 23                 | 21                   | 31                          | 25                     |
| <b><u>Age</u></b>                  |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| 18-39                              | 22                 | 15                   | 35                          | 28                     |
| 40-64                              | 19                 | 25                   | 30                          | 27                     |
| 65 plus                            | 26                 | 19                   | 28                          | 27                     |
| <b><u>Education</u></b>            |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| High School                        | 23                 | 20                   | 32                          | 26                     |
| Some College                       | 23                 | 18                   | 32                          | 28                     |
| College Degree                     | 17                 | 24                   | 31                          | 28                     |
| <b><u>Region</u></b>               |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| Linn County                        | 21                 | 17                   | 34                          | 28                     |
| Black Hawk County                  | 18                 | 22                   | 32                          | 27                     |
| Dubuque Area                       | 35                 | 19                   | 28                          | 19                     |
| Northern Counties                  | 19                 | 21                   | 30                          | 30                     |
| Southern Counties                  | 17                 | 23                   | 32                          | 28                     |
| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |                    |                      |                             |                        |
| Democrat                           | 22                 | 25                   | 33                          | 19                     |
| Independent                        | 21                 | 17                   | 29                          | 34                     |
| Republican                         | 21                 | 18                   | 32                          | 29                     |

**Q20:** Some in Congress want to enact a federal law, known as H.R. 1763, the Safe Freight Act, and if passed would require all freight trains in the United States to operate with a crew of two. Suppose you could vote on the federal law. Would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

Yes, Pass ..... **88%**  
 No, Reject ..... **8**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **4**

| <b><u>Gender</u></b>               | <b><u>Pass</u></b> | <b><u>Reject</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Men                                | 86%                | 9                    | 5                    |
| Women                              | 90                 | 6                    | 4                    |
| <b><u>Age</u></b>                  |                    |                      |                      |
| 18-39                              | 85                 | 8                    | 7                    |
| 40-64                              | 91                 | 7                    | 2                    |
| 65 plus                            | 87                 | 8                    | 5                    |
| <b><u>Education</u></b>            |                    |                      |                      |
| High School                        | 89                 | 7                    | 4                    |
| Some College                       | 89                 | 5                    | 6                    |
| College Degree                     | 85                 | 12                   | 3                    |
| <b><u>Region</u></b>               |                    |                      |                      |
| Linn County                        | 84                 | 9                    | 6                    |
| Black Hawk County                  | 86                 | 6                    | 8                    |
| Dubuque Area                       | 95                 | 3                    | 2                    |
| Northern Counties                  | 93                 | 6                    | 1                    |
| Southern Counties                  | 85                 | 11                   | 3                    |
| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |                    |                      |                      |
| Democrat                           | 91                 | 4                    | 5                    |
| Independent                        | 84                 | 10                   | 6                    |
| Republican                         | 88                 | 10                   | 2                    |

**Q23:** Now considering everything you just heard about H.R. 1763, The Safe Freight Act. If you could vote on this federal legislation once again, would you vote YES to pass H.R. 1763 or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 1763.

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Yes, Pass .....    | <b>80%</b> |
| No, Reject .....   | <b>15</b>  |
| (VOL) Unsure ..... | <b>5</b>   |

| <b><u>Gender</u></b> | <b><u>Pass</u></b> | <b><u>Reject</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Men                  | 76%                | 20                   | 4                    |
| Women                | 84                 | 11                   | 5                    |

| <b><u>Age</u></b> |    |    |   |
|-------------------|----|----|---|
| 18-39             | 80 | 14 | 6 |
| 40-64             | 81 | 15 | 3 |
| 65 plus           | 77 | 17 | 6 |

| <b><u>Education</u></b> |    |    |   |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|
| High School             | 83 | 10 | 7 |
| Some College            | 81 | 14 | 5 |
| College Degree          | 73 | 25 | 2 |

| <b><u>Region</u></b> |    |    |   |
|----------------------|----|----|---|
| Linn County          | 83 | 13 | 4 |
| Black Hawk County    | 71 | 20 | 9 |
| Dubuque Area         | 81 | 12 | 7 |
| Northern Counties    | 87 | 10 | 3 |
| Southern Counties    | 76 | 20 | 3 |

| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |    |    |   |
|------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Democrat                           | 87 | 7  | 6 |
| Independent                        | 75 | 21 | 5 |
| Republican                         | 78 | 18 | 4 |

**Q24c:** Based on what you know, do you trust advanced rail technology as a replacement of a train crew member?

Yes ..... **20%**  
 No ..... **71**  
 (VOL) Unsure ..... **9**

| <b><u>Gender</u></b> | <b><u>Yes</u></b> | <b><u>No</u></b> | <b><u>Unsure</u></b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Men                  | 24%               | 69               | 7                    |
| Women                | 17                | 73               | 10                   |

| <b><u>Age</u></b> |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| 18-39             | 23 | 63 | 14 |
| 40-64             | 15 | 81 | 4  |
| 65 plus           | 27 | 64 | 9  |

| <b><u>Education</u></b> |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| High School             | 23 | 66 | 10 |
| Some College            | 18 | 75 | 6  |
| College Degree          | 18 | 73 | 9  |

| <b><u>Region</u></b> |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| Linn County          | 24 | 69 | 6  |
| Black Hawk County    | 17 | 74 | 9  |
| Dubuque Area         | 21 | 66 | 14 |
| Northern Counties    | 19 | 71 | 10 |
| Southern Counties    | 19 | 74 | 7  |

| <b><u>Party Identification</u></b> |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Democrat                           | 17 | 78 | 5  |
| Independent                        | 23 | 64 | 12 |
| Republican                         | 21 | 71 | 8  |