



**Fiscal Alliance Foundation**

*Post COVID-19 - Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Poll*

*500 Likely Voters*

*November 19-21, 2020*

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) is an effort by several states to reduce carbon emissions from cars and trucks by increasing the cost of gasoline and diesel fuels. However, TCI was proposed before the COVID-19 pandemic, which has seen many white-collar workers begin working from home. Are you more or less likely to support TCI knowing it will increase the cost of fuel for blue collar and essential workers who are largely unable to work from home?

Much more likely to support TCI	15.4%
Somewhat more likely to support TCI	7.4%
No change	20.8%
Somewhat less likely to support TCI	17.8%
Much less likely to support TCI	38.6%

TCI seeks to encourage workers to use public transportation instead of driving. Are you more or less likely to support TCI knowing it would encourage more commuters to use crowded public transportation options?

Much more likely to support TCI	24.8%
Somewhat more likely to support TCI	7.4%
No change	11.6%
Somewhat less likely to support TCI	22.6%
Much less likely to support TCI	33.6%

Over the next 10 years, current policies in place will reduce carbon emissions by 19%. Adding TCI will cost up to \$7 billion over that time and will only reduce emissions by an extra 1% to 6%. Are you more or less likely to support TCI knowing that it will only reduce emissions by an additional 1% to 6%?

Much more likely to support TCI	16.4%
Somewhat more likely to support TCI	8.2%
No change	14.2%
Somewhat less likely to support TCI	24.2%
Much less likely to support TCI	37.0%

TCl is designed as a regional approach to cutting carbon emissions by including all states from Virginia to Maine. Since TCl revealed its predicted fuel cost increase, New Hampshire dropped out – and leaders in other states have expressed reservations with joining the program. Governor Baker is the latest state leader to express reservations with the program due to changing travel needs and impacts to the Massachusetts economy resulting from COVID-19.

Do you agree that Governor Baker should rethink Massachusetts' participation in the TCl program?

Strongly agree	43.2%
Somewhat agree	23.6%
Not sure	11.2%
Somewhat disagree	2.8%
Strongly disagree	19.2%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Age Range

18-44	16.4%
44-64	44.0%
65 or older	39.6%

### Gender

Male	50.4%
Female	49.6%

### Party ID

Democrat	29.8%
Republican	11.2%
Independent/Other	59.0%

*Results based on a survey of 500 voters statewide fielded November 19-21, 2020. Interviews were conducted by both live operators and collected online via text message. The margin of error is +/- 4.4% with a 95% confidence level. The poll was sponsored by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation and conducted by Advantage, Inc.*