FR: EMC Research
TO: Interested Parties
DT: February 16th, 2015
RE: Voter Support for Adding Accountability to the 2013 Aerospace Tax Break Legislation
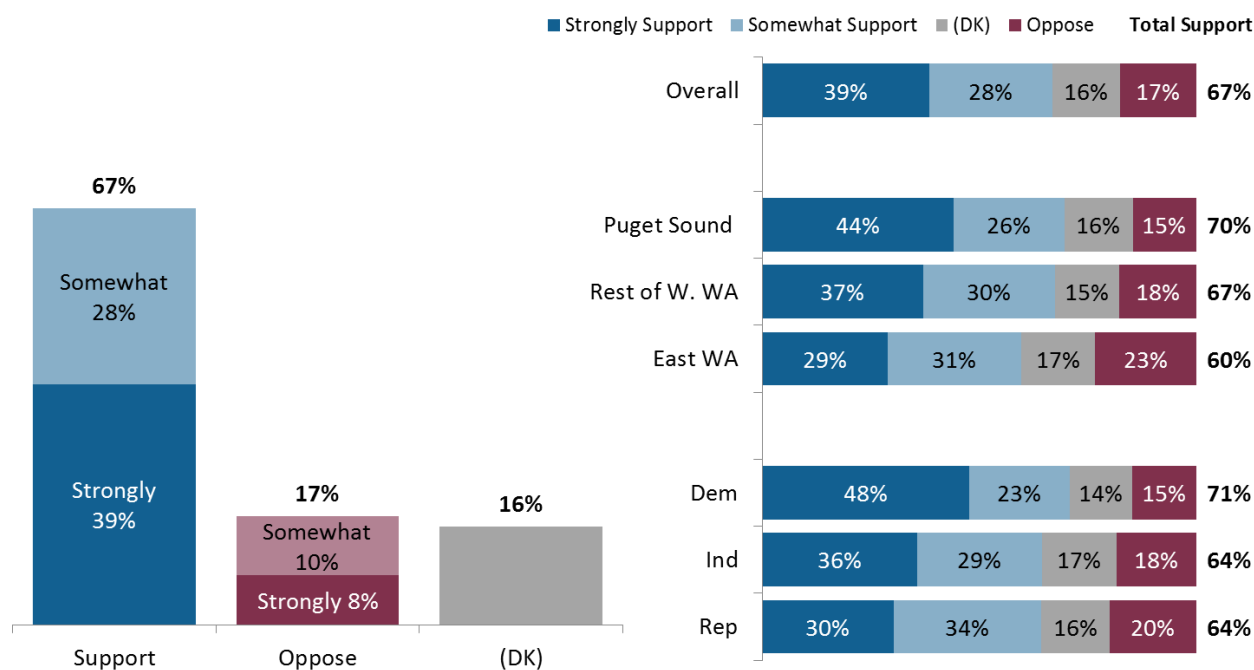
Summary

There is strong support (67% Support) among likely November 2016 voters in Washington State to amend the $8.7 Billion dollar Aerospace tax break legislation with requirements that aerospace companies have to keep jobs in Washington State to receive tax breaks. This support cuts across all major geographic and demographic subgroups.

Two-thirds (67%) of likely November 2016 voters support tying tax breaks to maintaining aerospace jobs in Washington State.

- There are clearly intense feelings among supporters; 39% strongly support this proposal.

- Support is strong among all major subgroups. Support is at or above 60% in all three geographies in the State, and at or above 64% among voters in all three self-identified parties.

Some have suggested the [2013 law should be changed to] tie the amount of the tax breaks to maintaining aerospace jobs in Washington State. If Boeing or aerospace jobs are cut in Washington or sent somewhere else, then the amount of the tax break would be reduced as well. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this change?

- Later in the survey, voters hear messages in support of and in opposition to this change. After hearing these, support increases to 73% (+6) with most of this increase coming among those that strongly support the proposal (46% Strongly Support, 27% Somewhat Support).