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Green Voters Guide Available for Concerned Voters

Indiana —Voters for a Green Indiana (VGI) released its updated <u>Green Voters Guide</u> for the 2022 general election. The non-partisan guide is for Hoosiers who want to vote for candidates who accept climate science and will work to transition Indiana to clean energy.

Recent polls, including one in the <u>Indy Star</u>, show that Republican, Independent, and Democratic voters support climate action, clean energy, and net metering. Reports indicate the damaging impacts of climate change are accelerating. In February, the <u>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</u> released its latest report, highlighting the causes, effects, and possible solutions to climate change. Yet despite growing evidence and broad bipartisan support, many elected officials are not aligning with voters or the scientific warnings.

Living in a state that ranks as one of the country's most significant coal users, Hoosiers have suffered adverse health from poor air quality and contaminated groundwater from coal. Wind and solar power are now cheaper and cleaner than coal. A rapid transition to clean energy would help control electric bills, improve local air and water quality, reduce carbon emissions, and create more green energy jobs than coal jobs lost.

"Unfortunately, campaign donations from coal and utility industries have too much influence on legislation that is not in the best interest of Hoosiers," said Ron Rhoads, a VGI volunteer in Hamilton County. "The guide provides unbiased research to inform voters."

A non-partisan volunteer team contacted and researched candidates in contested races in Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion, Bartholomew, Tippecanoe, Porter counties and surrounding areas. Information came from publicly available sources, such as voting records, League of Conservation Voters, Citizens Action Coalition, Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter, and Follow the Money. Evaluations were based on an extensive review of the candidates' positions, voting records, and campaign funds from fossil fuel industries. Candidates also had the opportunity to answer a short questionnaire about climate change and the environment. The guide is available at <u>Voters for a Green Indiana</u>.

About Voters for a Green Indiana: Voters for a Green Indiana is a non-partisan group of volunteers who take climate change seriously. We believe candidates who understand the ongoing energy and climate challenges are best qualified to lead us through these changes. Our goal is to inform voters about candidates who accept climate science and support policies and actions to reduce carbon pollution.