About the poll:
Healthy People, Healthy Planet (HP2) Poll studies Michigan citizens’ attitudes toward the environment, the economy, and governmental policies.

This online poll surveyed 1,000 Michigan residents about general topics and specific issues like harmful algae blooms in the Great Lakes and the Line 5 oil pipeline in the Mackinaw Straits.

67% of Michigan residents expressed that the environment should take priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth.

Attitudes differed by voting choices
90% of people who voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016 said the environment should be given priority over economic growth, while only 41% of people who voted for Donald Trump said the environment should take priority.

79% of Michigan citizens were concerned about harmful algae blooms in the Great Lakes.

Concern prominent across political spectrum
89% of Clinton voters and 71% of Trump voters believe the government should enact policies to prevent algae blooms.

46% thought the Line 5 oil pipeline in the Mackinaw Straits should be closed down.

Opinions on Line 5 fell along party lines
63% of Clinton voters favored removal, and only 26% of Trump voters favored removal.

Key Takeaway
Despite some political disagreement, the majority of Michigan citizens value the environmental health of the Great Lakes and believe the environment should be protected by governmental policies.