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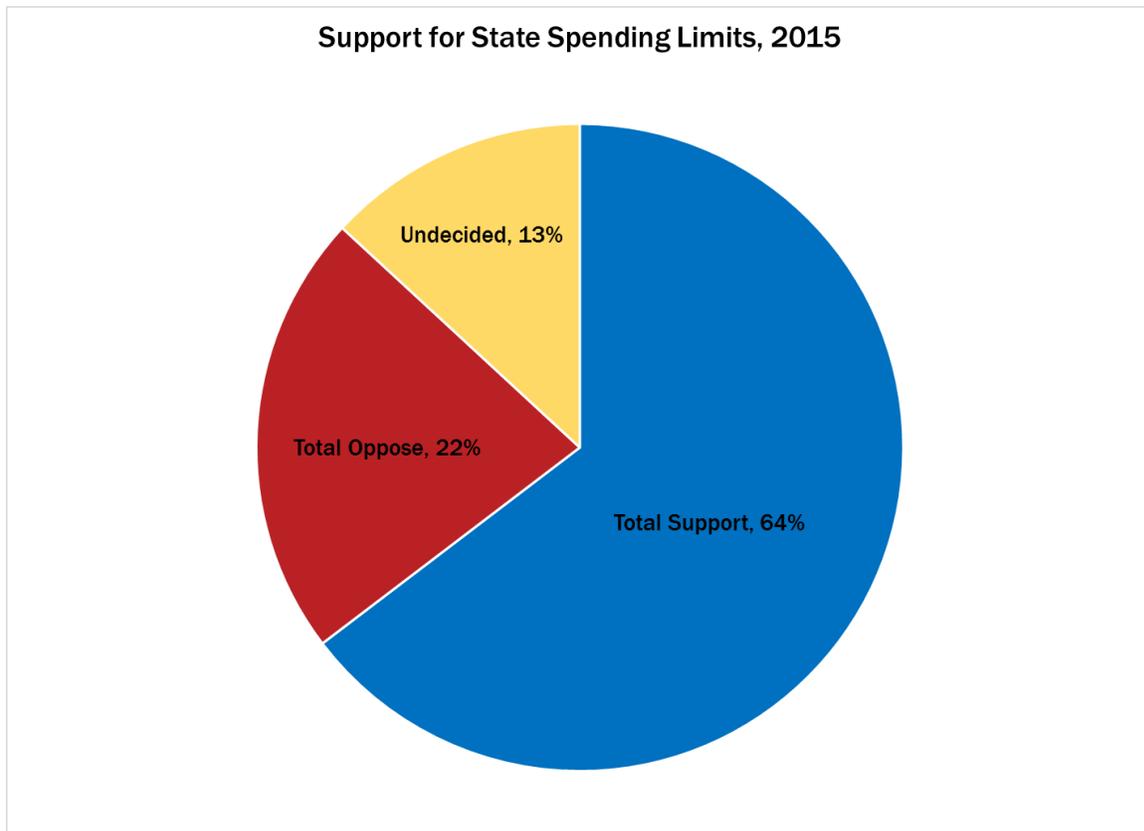
Public Opinion on the Taxpayer Protection Act

The Taxpayer Protection Act (TPA)

- Reasonably limits future growth in state government spending to inflation plus population growth.
- Requires the government to prioritize spending.
- Ensures a prudent Rainy Day Fund that could be used to balance the budget in times of recession.
- Provides tax relief for working families and stimulate private-sector job growth.

Spending Limits Are Popular With All Pennsylvanians

- Nearly two-thirds of Pennsylvania voters support limiting the growth of state government (64%), with only one-fifth opposed.



- Democrats support spending limits by a 62 to 27 margin. More than 70% of Republicans and 59% of Independents support spending limits.
- Voters in all regions of the state support spending limits, from 51% in Philadelphia to a high of 75% in the northwestern PA.
- Support is consistent over time. On similar questions asked on the Susquehanna Polling and Research statewide spring polls in 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014, between 59% and 70% of voters indicated support of spending limits.

Survey Question and Results By Party And Region

Pennsylvania lawmakers are considering a law that would limit increases in government spending to the rate of inflation plus the rate of population growth. For example, if we had three percent inflation and one percent population growth, government spending could increase no more than four percent for that year. The limit could only be exceeded by a two-thirds votes of both houses of the General Assembly or by a declared emergency. Generally speaking would you....?

	Party			
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Total Support	64%	71	62	59
Total Oppose	22%	13	27	30
Undecided	13%	14	10	11

	Region							
	NW	SW	Central	NE/Lehigh Vall	S Central	SE	Allegheny	Philly
Total Support	75%	72	68	55	66	65	69	51
Total Oppose	17%	15	16	29	17	23	19	35
Undecided	7%	12	16	14	16	11	12	15

	Historic Support					
	2015	2014	2012	2010	2008	2005
Total Support	64%	59	65	66	70	69
Total Oppose	22%	21	21	20	18	18
Undecided	13%	19	14	13	12	12

Susquehanna Polling and Research poll of 700 registered voters, September 14-23, 2015