

2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

SCOTUS has made clear that environmental law and our system of regulation is under attack. With extreme weather events, melting ice caps, and warming oceans, we see the evidence of climate change growing daily. Connecticut should work with other states in our region to develop plans to address these issues, particularly in regard to greenhouse gasses and clean air and water. Additionally, I am supportive of initiatives in reducing waste and plastics, increasing composting and recycling, and better understanding the impact of chemicals on our overall environment.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Yes

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

Yes

The restaurants in my district are small businesses, not large chain stores, operate on a very thin profit margin. While I am supportive of replacing these plastics, we need to ensure that small restaurants are given an opportunity to adopt a potentially more expensive storage solution slowly or offer exemptions to these businesses.

4) PFAS:

Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

yes

I am willing to support this measure as long as municipalities are able to control the rodent population through other means. Certainly, residents, businesses, and government can do their parts with smart waste management and removal. I am willing to learn more about this issue and work with CTLCV to ensure safe ways to control rodent populations.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

Yes

8) BEARS:

yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

Yes

Being in a rural district with a history of strong land trusts and much state park land, I don't know that this area would need to develop such a fund. Given that this legislation allows for the voluntary establishment of such a fund, I am in full support.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
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