

# **2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment**

# Mae Flexer, Democrat Senate District 29

## **OPEN QUESTION**

One of my top priorities at the legislature is achieving environmental justice and ensuring that we leave this planet in a better condition for generations to come. In the 29th district, I have fought alongside many environmental activists against the construction of a second gas-fired power plant in the town of Killingly - which would have made Killingly the second largest power generation site in Connecticut. This region, in step with the rest of Connecticut, needs more renewable energy - not fossil fuel energy that will continue to damage our already-vulnerable climate.

In the Senate, I have fought for many bills that will combat the effects of climate change here in Connecticut. Most recently, we enacted Senate Bill 4, the "Connecticut Clean Air Act" which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improve air quality and health outcomes for Connecticut residents, among other things. I am proud to be part of the coalition that passed this critical legislation.

In the 2023 legislative session, I hope to continue my work at the state level to combat climate change and to ensure Connecticut is a leader with regard to environmental protection.

## 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes n/a
- 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:
  - Yes
    n/a
- 3) POLYSTYRENE:
  - Yes
    n/a

#### 4) PFAS:

• Yes n/a

## 5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

• Yes n/a

## 6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
  - n/a

## 7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

• Yes n/a

## 8) BEARS:

• yes n/a

## 9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

• Yes n/a

#### **10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**

• Yes n/a

## **11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**

• Yes n/a

## 12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
- n/a