2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 118

OPEN QUESTION

Environmental conservation and combatting climate change have been among the most important of my priorities during my first term in the General Assembly. I was proud to cosponsor many environmental bill proposals, several of which we were successful in passing. These include recent bills over the last term pertaining to the clean air act, vehicle emissions, electric vehicle infrastructure, climate change mitigation, reducing the use of chemicals, and others. Environmental protection and shoreline resiliency is of particular concern to the community I represent. Milford has the longest Long Island Sound coastline in the state, and efforts to ensure that our coast line is protected from pollution and the impacts of climate change has been and remains one of my top priorities.

1) **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:**
   - Yes
     Yes, generally speaking. However, new polluting facilities should be carefully scrutinized in all communities, and instead focus on renewable energy sourcing across the board.

2) **WASTE MANAGEMENT:**
   - Yes
     Yes, however, I would need to see the details of legislation to ensure that it is adequately addressed.

3) **POLYSTYRENE:**
   - Yes
     Yes, and I was pleased to support Senate Bill 118 from this past cession out of the Environment Committee.

4) **PFAS:**
   - Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes
  would also consider reduction measures as a compromise if a ban is not feasible in the short term.

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
  Supportive, but would also want to learn more about the topic.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes
  Yes, but would also want to consider safety in high traffic areas as well.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Uncertain
  Supportive of the goal, however, there are peripheral considerations that need to be taken into account when addressing this, including preserving local control on certain zoning decisions.

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Yes
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