



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Mary Daugherty Abrams Democrat
Senate , 13

1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

2) Environmental Justice:

Do you support the provisions that were contained in the Environmental Justice legislation?

- Yes

3) Municipal Funding Option :

Would you support legislation to allow, but not require, municipalities to establish a dedicated fund for local open space, farmland, water resources climate mitigation strategies through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

- Yes

4) Bottle Bill :

Do you support modernizing Connecticut's bottle bill by 1) expanding the list of beverage containers accepted, 2) raising the deposit amount on covered containers, and 3) raising the handling fee paid to authorized dealers for each container they collect?

- Yes

5) Climate Change Education:

Do you support a requirement to teach climate change education in public schools?

- Yes

6) Transfer Act:

Do you support switching to a release-based cleanup program that would require sufficient DEEP oversight, mandated reporting of all cleanups and other safeguards to ensure a successful program that increases the number of sites cleaned?

- Yes

7) MDC Water:

Would you support legislation to require rates set by MDC to be approved by PURA (the state regulatory authority that sets rates for private water utilities)?

- Yes

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

Do you support advancing legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible?

- Yes

9) Chlorpyrifos:

Will you support legislation to ban the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos in CT (as was the intent of House Bill 301 considered earlier this year)?

- Yes

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

Will you oppose a tax on CT ratepayers to fund new gas pipelines?

- Yes

Open Question:

What environmental issues have you worked on? What will be your top environmental priority for the 2021 legislative session?

- As the Chair of Public Health, the greatest accomplishment was the passage of the State Water Plan. In addition, I was proud to work to

advance legislation to reduce and/or eliminate of PFAS in products including food packaging and in fire fighting foam, to eliminate the use of building materials which contained asbestos, to clarifying the responsibilities of water companies to supply clean drinking water to customers and notify renters of water quality, and to address indoor air quality including one focused on the air quality in schools. As the Senate Vice Chair of the Education Committee, I supported the bill to require Climate Change curriculum.

My priorities, if re-elected, will be to continue to fight for legislation that protects our environment, addresses climate change, and advances environmental equality. I was given a 100% for my voting record by CTLCV, and it would be my intention to keep my A+ rating.

Additional Comments:

- I am grateful to the CTLCV for their efforts in the 2018 election to educate voters on the sharp contrast between myself and my opponent with regard to environmental issues. I appreciated the advocacy of the CTLCV during my term and have found this organization to be a valuable resource. Most of all, I was proud to be named a 2019 Environmental Champion.