



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , III**

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?

- My husband and I renovated our home ourselves, and, thanks to his expertise as a green contractor, we chose as many options as we could

afford that were both environmentally responsible and safe for our young family. In exploring our choices I learned a lot about green energy alternatives, and have even begun planning a zero footprint, tiny community for a few friends, when we retire. I am passionate about energy conservation and getting us off of fossil fuels, and also making these options affordable for all. I would like to see CT become a leader in alternative energies, and have considered the ways that wind and solar energy could bring clean, socially conscious businesses into our state. I am excited to pursue this.

Additional Comments:

- I have lived a life outdoors, and with a passion for protecting our environment. We knew the disposable lifestyle we all lived was not sustainable, back when I was a kid. But now we are seeing a dangerous acceleration of the damage. We need legislators who are taking these issues seriously, and pursuing ways to stop the destruction, before we run out of time.