



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

I propose to speed up the timeline to 2030.

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

We are trying to get this included in Special Session as part of Equity agenda

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

I am a proud co-sponsor of PFAS ban legislation

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

I am a proud co-sponsor of Chlorpyrifos ban legislation

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?

- Chlorpyrifos Ban, CT pivoting more urgently to renewable energy, investing in clean energy transportation infrastructure, lowering CT's carbon footprint, improve resiliency to climate crisis, modernize the bottle bill, and hold polluters accountable.

Additional Comments:

- We have the perfect storm of the dual pandemics of Racism, COVID19 and Climate Crisis descending on our state and region. These require a determined, collaborative and bold response that meets the danger we face right now, and to our future survivability. There is no business as usual, and this requires an extraordinary legislative and policy transformation to meet these crisis.