



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

The time frame to convert medium & heavy-duty vehicles to fully electric vehicles is bold. I fear there may be difficulties with meeting this standard due to the lack of manufacturing (supply side) of the vehicles, while also putting private companies at risk by financing big ticket items that aren't fully reliable/accessible within that time period.

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?

- Uncertain

I'm not familiar with how much a conveyance fee would be, and if it is for commercial and/or residential real estate purchases. I would want more information before deciding, but seems like a viable option to further explore.

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)?

- Uncertain

There is not enough information to make an educated decision. The "super user" could potentially be selling enough bottled water to generate more tax revenue for the state. Without knowing more about the economics of the scenario, and understanding the business models, it is difficult to say what is best for the overall community.

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)?

- Uncertain

This is concerning. I would like more information about the amount of chlorpyrifos being used in products, and the effects it is having on our society.

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?

- While currently serving on the Manchester Board of Directors, I voted in favor of establishing a sustainability board, and adding a full time management-level employee that focuses on multiple sustainability functions for the town. The Town is also in the bid process for adding solar panels to the municipal buildings, and eventually our schools. My top priority is to recruit more environmentally focused businesses to CT. I want our state to be the capital of sustainability. If the country is trending to be more sustainable, why isn't CT the home where those products are made and the sharpest mind live? We have an opportunity to create that culture, and attract those businesses to our state, and create a financially-sustainable revenue model at the same time.

Additional Comments:

- Thank you for taking an interest. Please feel free to call or email me with further questions or comments.