



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

**David Gronbach Democrat
Senate , 30**

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?

- I have promoted the expansion of solar facilities; converting municipal buildings to renewable energy; obtained land for open space

preservation; supported using municipal resources to help support and maintain open spaces in conjunction with private conservation groups; support water quality funding and initiatives to address invasive in Candlewood and other local lakes; enforced cleanup against polluters; spear headed cleanup at the Superfund Century Brass Site in New Milford; expanded access to water and open spaces with the expansion of parks and River Trail initiative, which seeks to connect bike trails through adjoining towns up to Canada.

One of my top priorities will be to expand renewable energy in our area while preserving our quality of life and aesthetics. I will require State air quality monitoring to address a new power plant in NY and work to transition urban areas from fossil fuel/waste to energy facilities to renewables. I will push for more resources to address water quality and invasives in our local lakes and rivers.

Additional Comments:

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