



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 23**

1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

I think this is an excellent goal. I would, though, want to see a study as to how this would affect ratepayers from now through 2040.

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 do have concerns regarding adding another fee to real estate transactions, but would be OK giving communities this option so long as community members/property owners would be given the opportunity to weigh in via town meeting or referendum.

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

My only concern would be that stores required to redeem deposits would have the tools to do so efficiently and cleanly. Some store owners

have reservations about taking back very dirty or partially destroyed containers.

5) Climate Change Education:

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

- Yes
I've voted for this every time.

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
Water is essential and no company should have the power to do this with our supply. Greater oversight of this is necessary.

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 always worked on and supported issues regarding clean energy, open space, endangered species, and protecting the CT River and Long Island Sound. My top environmental priority for 2021 would be to continue my work as the Co-Chair of the bipartisan clean energy caucus. Expanding clean energy options will create new jobs and greater competition for energy sources. I also plan on focusing on Connecticut's trash problem. With the inevitable closure of Hartford's trash-to-energy plant, Connecticut must work - and work quickly - to find solutions to this. Education about how to properly recycle and more food waste options (such as anaerobic digestors) need to be discussed. This is a huge issue that the state is not focusing on nearly enough.

Additional Comments:

- I thank the League of Conservation Voters endorsement in the past and look forward to continuing our work together.