



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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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?

- Uncertain

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

There needs to be a more in depth look at options with everyone at the table. Recycling nips should be a part of the equation.

5) Climate Change Education:

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

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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?

- In 2019 I introduced a bill to reduce plastic straws usage and styrofoam containers. This bill did not pass and as a result the following year became a committee bill that has now been put on hold due to COVID-19. Also, most recently I took the lead to ask DEEP for an investigation of public notification regarding a sewage spill into the Mill River and whether all parties were in compliance with the Right to Know Act. I have been outspoken on Climate change bills while on the Environment Committee, supported the Water Plan and supported the no fracking transport bill. I voted against the Millstone Bail out for fear we would see rate increases which we now have. I received a high rating in your legislative ranking for my work on Environmental issues and would be honored to receive the endorsement again.

Additional Comments:

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