



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

I have been educating the public on the adverse industrialization of our oceans due to the construction of intermittent diesel driven off shore wind farms. In the words of Congressman Jeff Van Drew (R-New Jersey) after an intense congressional hearing in January 2024 there is nothing good that can be said about off shore wind. There are plenty of negative issues associated with the terrible impact the industrialization has on our marine ecosystems not to say the harmful chemicals (i.e. release of SP6, lubricating oils, diesel fuel) during the operation of the tower mounted turbines and faulty blades used to operate the systems. CT residents recently observed news of a turbine blade break off and shattering in the waters off of Martha's Vineyard, spreading foam and shards of fiberglass into the ocean surface and washing up on beaches as far away as Little Compton, RI; Long Island , NY; and, Nantucket. In Nantucket, the harbormaster had to close the beaches during the height of the 2024 Summer tourism season to cleanup the sharp fiberglass shards and foam on the beaches. Not something we want to see along our shoreline beaches in CT. LI Sound is not open Atlantic water rather a relatively enclosed marine "lake" with a ebb and flow circulation system marine system with relatively high retention time and lower turnover of fresh marine waters of the open ocean. That physical feature can unfortunately trap demolished elements observed due to the windtower blade failure previously mentioned and may have a relatively higher affect on LI Sounds surface and benthic ecosystems.

2) Climate:

Will you support paying for increased investments in clean energy and our electric grid infrastructure to ensure a healthy environment that will reduce reliance on fossil fuel and nuclear energy (and ultimately reduce costs to ratepayers)?

- No

3) Nature-Based Solutions:

Will you support a stand-alone bill that authorizes and prioritizes the use of nature-based solutions (forests, trees, wetlands, riparian buffers, healthy organic soils, and other natural ecosystems) as the preferred alternative, where appropriate, across all agencies?

- Yes

We need an "organic" approach to remediating our agricultural and forested lands. Top soil has been over farmed and contaminated with pesticides and herbicides which is poisoning our food and harming the healthy development of children's endocrine systems.

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

Do you support Connecticut's adoption of the latest California emissions standards for cars and trucks?

- No

Our congressional delegation must first enact laws that curtail pollution fall out from western states that pollute our air in Connecticut. We must first take on basic environmental engineering approaches to clean the air entering our state before we adopt wasteful fiscal policies that will not curtail the degradation of the air we breath in our state due to upwind fallout of pollutants from upstream state sources of air pollutants. This is an issue that has not been adopted by our Democrat elected congressional delegation to fight for the health & safety of the citizens of our state. To lower standards within our state would be a mute point. As for EV cars, due to the increased weight alone of the car compared to a gasoline or diesel vehicle emits more air born particulate pollution above applicable EPA Pollution Standards from tire wear than emission of air borne particulates from a fossil fuel passenger vehicle of a similar manufacturing year. The same exceedance of air particulate pollution is more impactful by EV trucks with numerous tires per truck. CT should adopt the EPA air pollutant standards that regulate vehicle emissions. Clean cars and trucks are not currently manufactured and it is a misnomer.

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

Will you support an Environmental Rights Amendment to our State Constitution?

- No

This approach is an overreach of government and a socialist approach to the environment. Based on 30+ yrs. as an environmental engineer/scientist and licensed environmental professional in CT assisting the state with the protection of our natural resources (air,

water, soil) we currently have adequate health based risk standards that protect the public from acute and chronic exposures to pollutants that are known to harm human health and the environment.

6) Food Waste Diversion:

Will you support designating food scraps as a "recyclable" item and requiring large-scale food generators to create plans to donate edible food?

- Yes
There would need to be strick regulation on food scraps to ensure they are edible and healthy/safe to eat. This should be a Federal food program not a state program carrying the fiscal burden of already federal regulated food processing facilities.

7) Neonicotinoids:

Will you help push for legislation to ban the sale and use of neonics for non-agricultural use in Connecticut?

- Yes

8) Rodenticides:

Will you support banning the use of certain rodenticides, with a few well-defined exceptions, to help prevent the deaths of its unintended victims?

- Yes
Killing off the top of the food chain creates a negative affect on public health with the survival of rodenticide resistant pests carrying disease.

9) Environmental Justice:

Will you support a legislative fix to Connecticut's Environmental Justice statutes to include all polluting facilities?

- No

10) Bears:

Will you support legislation that requires humane responses to conflicts with wildlife such as providing better support for the public seeking help, removing attractants, minimizing shooting incidents, and strengthening programs to deal with orphaned wildlife?

- Unsure
Further review on studies in this matter would need to be evaluated before an opinion/legislative action shall be taken. Educating the public on remedial matters related to bear encounters should be assessed.

11) Tree Cutting Protocols:

Will you support legislation to require stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values?

- Yes
Clear cutting for large industrial solar farms actually does not generate a benefit in the debate over climate change (i.e. global warming). In fact, Harvard University recently conducted a study of large scale industrial solar farms in the central US and showed these solar farms emit more heat radiation than the natural habitat and actually contributes to global warming.

12) Ranked Choice Voting:

Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?

- No
This process would add to the state budget for election cost expenditures and increase state taxes to the citizens in CT in the long run. CT municipalities have enough undue burden added this fiscal year due to early voting. RCV potentially would add cost to conduct elections on the backs of the taxpayers of CT.

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT TO WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

If you support any or all of our top priority legislation during the 2025 session, will you add your name as a legislative co-sponsor?

- Yes

Will you plan to attend our annual Environmental Summit in January?

- Yes

If requested, will you meet with CTLCV at least once during the legislative session to review priority legislation?

- Yes