



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 19

OPEN QUESTION

I've worked on legislation regarding the bottle bill, the ban on plastic bags, and the issue of environmental justice. I will continue to advocate for environmental justice, as there's much work to be done, and well as bolstering climate education, as it may be one of our strongest tools. Almost everything that we do is impacted by our ecosystem, so we need to treat it with care. While we can make change on the individual level, we can have a much broader impact on the legislative level (as we've seen with the ban on plastic bags), to help shape and change behavior for the benefit of each other, and our planet.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

As noted, this is not only an environmental justice issue, but also a public health and equity issue. It's critically important that we continue to push for needed changes, and the permitting process could be a useful tool.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

6) RODENTICIDES:

- uncertain

I need to learn more about this issue. I'm certainly concerned about Birds of Prey and support measures to keep them alive and well. The TUFTS study findings are disturbing, so we certainly need to do something different about rodent control. I'm not sure what those mitigation controls would be and want to be sure that we have effective measures in place to protect the public areas, while also caring for the Birds of Prey.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes

I favor humane responses and would absolutely support a working group that includes environmental and animal welfare groups.

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I would support a study on RCV and use those findings to determine if CT should pursue it.