



## **2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment**

**Geoff Luxenberg Democrat  
House , 12**

**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)?**

- Uncertain

**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 started working on environmental issues when I was Clerk of the Environment Committee - where I worked with then Senator Finch on

the bottle bill and a variety of other environmental policies as a staff person. I tried to do a green school buildings bill this year by working with local environmental advocates in Manchester. I also proudly supported climate change education legislation. My top priority is environmental justice. I would like to work with CTLCV on environmental justice initiatives and policy. COVID 19 has made this even more important than ever before.

**Additional Comments:**

- Much of my work in politics throughout my adult life has been behind the scenes, working on campaigns and being a political consultant helping to get candidates elected to offices that champion the environment - from US Senator Chris Murphy and Congressman John Larson - to Rep. Mushinsky and former Rep. Phil Miller. I was proud to get a 100 percent score card rating from the CT LCV for my voting record last year. I would be very honored to earn your support. I also try to practice what I preach in my own life. I put solar panels on my home in 2019 and try to do other small things that make a difference.