



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 117

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?

Yes

2) State Water Plan:

Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?

Yes

3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:

Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

Yes

4) Plastic Bag Pollution:

Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?

Yes

I actually just joined a task force in Milford that is focused on doing this.

5) Gas Pipeline:

Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?

Uncertain

My gut reaction is to say "yes!" but I believe it would be irresponsible for me to commit to "yes" without first learning more about it. When elected, learning more about the pipeline will be something I make a priority.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

As a candidate, I've so far organized two community clean-ups: One where Oyster River (on the Milford-West Haven line) empties into Long Island Sound and another along Milford's hidden Calf Pen Meadow Creek, which also empties into the Sound. Long Island Sound lines my district, and I see that -- as well as the rest of our environment -- as a life-sustaining resource that we absolutely must work harder to protect. We are not doing nearly enough to fight climate change and ensure our world for future generations. Other environmental priorities of mine are getting rid of styrofoam in schools and the use of plastic straws everywhere. I just heard a news story talking about how the U.S.'s only manufacturer of paper straws cannot keep up with production. Establishing that kind of company in Connecticut would not only benefit the environment, but our economy!

7) Additional Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to complete this questionnaire. I hope to receive your endorsement and to work together in Hartford. My opponent -- Republican incumbent Charles Ferraro -- is a fevered Trump supporter who has taken no initiative in many areas, including the environment, and I am determined to beat him. "Stronger together" is one of my mantras.