



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 136

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

My record as a leader on clean energy policy and initiatives is clear, both for energy efficiency/conservation and renewable energy expansion. I introduced the Carbon Pricing legislation two years in a row, have been the prime advocate for community solar and have pushed for restoration of energy efficiency funding.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

Do I really need to say more? I pledge to continue mediating between the parties to achieve consensus on language which will get the plan ratified by the Legislature.

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

But we must recognize the limited means of many municipalities as state aid continues to diminish.

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 was on Westport's RTM when it was the first town in CT to adopt a plastic bag ban and have worked to do the same thing at the state level. I supported the microbead ban legislation years ago. I also support efforts to ban plastic straws.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Uncertain

I voted for it the first time, by dint of necessity. I've come to regret that vote but I remain concerned about capacity, particularly as we expand use of EVs and hook up more homes to gas. I'm relieved that the Massachusetts judge made the issue moot in the short term!

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

Well, yes!!! The Northeast Carbon Cost Coalition legislators are meeting again next month to discuss next steps after Massachusetts' bill passage.

7) Additional Comments: