



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Matt Pugliese (Democrat)

House District 23

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

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Uncertain

I could not find a lot of information on this point to bring me up to speed. I would like to know more. I would lean in favor or repeal, as natural gas in the long run is not part of a 100% clean energy structure.

6) Carbon Pricing:
Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

No

What we do with that additional revenue is important, and will be important to my support for carbon pricing. A revenue neutral model will probably be easier for many to stomach, however I think a revenue positive model that puts some incentive on both business and consumer to look at their carbon consumption makes sense in creating an actual incentive for change. We also need to make sure that the additional revenue is in a fund focused on clean energy, and not in the general fund so that progress towards 100% clean energy continues to move forward and does not stall.

7) Additional Comments: