



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 64

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

This is an area where broad cooperation is necessary, so marking long term goals and committing to them is vital, for the environment, for our economy, and for issues related to healthcare and justice.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

Water is a public trust and must be managed for the benefit of the public.

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

The Community Investment Act has made a big impact on my district, and giving municipalities the ability to create similar structures for open space protection could be transformative.

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

Changing the habits of consumers is an important way to protect the environment, and banning plastic bags is an excellent example.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Yes

CT needs to be very careful about any and all taxes given public perceptions, and unnecessary or inadvised taxes, such as this, should be repealed.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

This is basic economics for me: those who benefit from economic activity should also pay the full costs of that activity, and pricing carbon to reflect its true costs on health, climate, and the environment will encourage companies to make more appropriate investment decisions.

7) Additional Comments: