



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 60

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

I believe that all people regardless of their income, race or color should receive the same protections from environmental and health hazards. I also believe that at risk communities should have a seat at the table.

Racial inequity needs to be front and center when talking about how to effectively pursue environmental justice in our state.

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

Yes, I believe that climate change should be taught in the schools. I participated in presenting to a 5th grade class on the topic of how a law is made. We chose the topic of PFAS. The students were very interested and asked many questions. They are concerned about their environment and have a deep interest in learning more. Additionally, we need to make sure that our society has a collective understanding of the dangers posed to our planet and our societies by a changing climate. By making people aware of these issues and potential solutions at a young age, we will be one step closer to taking the necessary collective action to save our planet in the future.

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)?

- Yes

The MDC, which provides such an important service to my constituents and the residents of our region, can always use more oversight and that is what PURA does. More oversight is in the best interest of every consumer in the region. Time and time again citizens pay more as quasi-public service-providing agencies lack the proper oversight to prevent price-gouging.

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

Do you support advancing legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible?

- Yes

This is an issue that is near and dear to my community, which sits right alongside the Farmington River. After listening to countless stakeholders and public health officials, I support the task force recommendations and legislation that would prohibit PFAS chemicals wherever possible. I think that we should ban PFAS in consumer products. I think we should also ban firefighting foam as soon as we have a substance that is equal to PFAS.

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

The fact that Chlorpyrifos can still be used is extremely frustrating to me. One thing that I have recognized when analyzing the potential for environmental justice progress is that profits and greed are holding our society back from creating a better future for all. I will be extremely cognizant of this dynamic moving forward and pledge to always work towards justice.

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 am most proud of my work on getting climate change education into our public schools. My top environmental priorities for 2021 will be expanding solar and wind power in our state and addressing racial inequity in environmental justice.

Additional Comments:

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