



## **2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment**

**Jennifer Leeper Democrat  
House , 132**

**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

**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

**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

**8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):**

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

- Yes

**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

**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?**

- While on the Board of Education I have voted for every solar project that has come to our body, including half a dozen schools utilizing this

energy. Once completed, the solar carports will produce about 650,000 kWh, accounting for about 20% of the schools' electricity from solar power. This is a good start, but I hope to bring these sort of creative solutions to Hartford. Fairfield should be a model for what we can do statewide in increasing our reliance on cleaner energy sources.

**Additional Comments:**

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