



## 2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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**1) 100% Zero Carbon:**

**Do you support codifying this legislation?**

- Yes  
I'd like to see us be even more ambitious than 2040, but wholeheartedly support this policy.

**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  
This is a common sense policy. Happy to help!

**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

The MDC's revenues are tied to water use which runs counter to any efforts to conserve water. I'd like to see us address this fundamental issue.

**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?**

- I've supported many of the issues you've raised in this questionnaire. During my first term I asked my House leadership to put me on the Energy & Technology Committee so I could have more of an impact on these policies. For 2021, I'd like to see us move to ban Chlorpyrifos and PFAS. I'd also like to take an active role in moving the bottle bill. I'm interested in working on energy storage policy and to address the issues with the MDC.

**Additional Comments:**

- Thank you for the opportunity to seek your endorsement.