



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes
Champion of carbon charge legislation, ZEVs and clean energy

2) Environmental Justice:

Do you support the provisions that were contained in the Environmental Justice legislation?

- Yes
Bill still needs some work; curious to see how pandemic and discrimination issues impact final version

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
Have to be careful with conveyance fees, but I support

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
Been a champion of recycling legislation and bottle bill is top priority

5) Climate Change Education:

Do you support a requirement to teach climate change education in public schools?

- Yes
Need to start with some of my colleagues!

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
MDC is a very powerful authority which needs oversight. I've been a leading legislator on water bills

8) Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS):

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

- Yes
Must implement working group's recommendations ASAP. Bill in my committee (Public Health) and Environment to do so.

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
Yes. Ask Mary Mushinsky!

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

Will you oppose a tax on CT ratepayers to fund new gas pipelines?

- Yes
Focus should be on renewables, not expanding residential gas. No to Killingly plant.

Open Question:

What environmental issues have you worked on? What will be your top environmental priority for the 2021 legislative session?

- Fracking waste ban, plastic bags and microbeads, solar and wind power, EVs, state Water Plan, PFAs, pesticides, on and on...

Additional Comments:

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