



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

In 2024 I cosponsored HB 5004, HB 5052, HB 5217, HB 5218, HB 5219, HB 5232, HB 5355, SB 191, SB 292, SJR 193. In 2023, I introduced or cosponsored a variety of bills on rodenticides, herbicides, dark skies, and the use of green construction materials.

2) Climate:

Will you support paying for increased investments in clean energy and our electric grid infrastructure to ensure a healthy environment that will reduce reliance on fossil fuel and nuclear energy (and ultimately reduce costs to ratepayers)?

- Yes
I believe that global warming is the greatest crisis facing humankind. CT must be a leader in the fight against climate change.

3) Nature-Based Solutions:

Will you support a stand-alone bill that authorizes and prioritizes the use of nature-based solutions (forests, trees, wetlands, riparian buffers, healthy organic soils, and other natural ecosystems) as the preferred alternative, where appropriate, across all agencies?

- Yes

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

Do you support Connecticut's adoption of the latest California emissions standards for cars and trucks?

- Yes
I supported this legislation last session and will do so again.

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

Will you support an Environmental Rights Amendment to our State Constitution?

- Yes
I supported the ERA this past session and will do so again.

6) Food Waste Diversion:

Will you support designating food scraps as a "recyclable" item and requiring large-scale food generators to create plans to donate edible food?

- Unsure
I would like to learn more about these programs and any possible public health/food safety issues before committing.

7) Neonicotinoids:

Will you help push for legislation to ban the sale and use of neonics for non-agricultural use in Connecticut?

- Yes
I introduced legislation regarding neonics in 2023 and will do so again in 2025

8) Rodenticides:

Will you support banning the use of certain rodenticides, with a few well-defined exceptions, to help prevent the deaths of its unintended victims?

- Yes
I introduced a bill banning rodenticides in 2023 and will do so again in 2025

9) Environmental Justice:

Will you support a legislative fix to Connecticut's Environmental Justice statutes to include all polluting facilities?

- Yes

10) Bears:

Will you support legislation that requires humane responses to conflicts with wildlife such as providing better support for the public seeking help, removing attractants, minimizing shooting incidents, and strengthening programs to deal with orphaned wildlife?

- Yes

11) Tree Cutting Protocols:

Will you support legislation to require stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values?

- Yes
I have cosponsored similar legislation in the past and will do so again.

12) Ranked Choice Voting:

Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?

- Yes

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT TO WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

If you support any or all of our top priority legislation during the 2025 session, will you add your name as a legislative co-sponsor?

- Yes

Will you plan to attend our annual Environmental Summit in January?

- Yes
I will attend as long as it doesn't conflict with any legislative commitments

If requested, will you meet with CTLCV at least once during the legislative session to review priority legislation?

- Yes