



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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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 was supporting it when covid cam to ct.

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

I think we should go even further and open more redemption centers to make sure glass is saved and recycled.

5) Climate Change Education:

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

- Yes
Once children understand human involvement in the earth's climate, we may be able to work on fixing the problems and protect the world for others

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
I supported it in committee and will do so again

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
I would also say that the public should also have a say

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
I supported this in committee and will do so again.

10) No New Gas Infrastructure:

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

- Yes
It is bad enough that they are leaking and we pay for that, we need to move more into clean renewable and have investments there

Open Question:

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

- I fought and got the invasive species bill over the line and signed into law. Have supported every environment bill in the house as I serve on the environment committee. Introduced a bill in to help protect wetlands in the case of cluster development. Top priority would be the bottle bill as we need to fix our recycling system in CT as I feel it is not working. Time to go old school and separate these materials more and reuse them more.

Additional Comments:

- As many of you know me from my first session in the house that I have supported and fought for every environment bill we worked on that was truly good for the environment to the point that I have a 100% voting record from your organization and hope to do so again if I am re-elected.