



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) 100% Zero Carbon:

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

This is also why I so strongly supported ensuring we could move forward with the offshore wind developments through State Pier. I believe wind energy - both through New London and Bridgeport could become a strong economic driver for our state..

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

Love that communities have the option to opt in to this program.

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 was hopeful this would have moved forward in the 2020 legislative session and look forward to it in 2021.

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?

- I have been a strong supporter of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan, I was instrumental in getting SJ35 to the House floor for a vote to the Senate before the end of session, and I have been a proponent in my caucus for getting resolution and support for the bottle bill. I was disappointed that the 2020 session was cut short - there were several bills (mentioned above) that would have had my support - especially the bottle bill! As a fourth term legislator in 2021, I will look forward to using my influence to help make this happen.

Additional Comments:

- I appreciate having been endorsed by CTLCV in the past and hope through my voting record and answers above to earn your endorsement for 2021. Should you have questions or would like to discuss further any of this information, please let me know. I am happy to speak with you.