



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate , 29

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

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

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?

- Environmental issues have always been at the forefront of my time as a legislator, and I'm thankful to the CTLCV for their strong leadership on

major environmental issues in our state. I have been recognized by the CTLCV for my work, including on opposing the construction of a second gas-fired power plant in Killingly.

In the 2021 legislative session, I will continue to fight against plans for the second power plant in Killingly – a community that already makes a highly disproportionate contribution to the power generation needs of Connecticut and our neighboring states. I will simultaneously support environmental justice initiatives and climate plans that benefit all residents, especially those living in vulnerable communities who are already challenged by environmental issues. Connecticut has an Environmental Justice law in place already, but it is not doing enough. Clean air and water should not be considered luxuries, yet every day marginalized communities are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards and harmful pollutants.

I plan to continue my work at the state level to combat climate change and to ensure Connecticut is a leader with regard to environmental protection. It is imperative that we leave our earth cleaner and safer than we found it.

Additional Comments:

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