



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) **100% Zero Carbon:**

Do you support codifying this legislation?

- Yes

I support aggressive measures to move toward a zero-carbon grid. My support for future legislation will depend on the actual provisions in the final bill.

2) **Environmental Justice:**

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

- Yes

I support measures to reduce pollution from such facilities generally, and to ensure that they are not disproportionately sited in less-advantaged communities. I generally agree with the policies in that bill, but my support for any legislation will depend on the actual provisions in the final bill.

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

I have supported such legislation in the past and will do so in the future.

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 strongly support updating the Bottle Bill and opposed efforts to weaken it last session.

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

I support legislation that increases cleanups and safeguards and reduces the obstacles to new usage of land that has been subject to toxicity.

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

I have supported such legislation in the past and will in the future.

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 have supported such legislation in the past and will in the future.

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 helped politically on the Bottle Bill effort, the plastic-bag ban (I was part of the group that got changes that would weaken it reversed), and other environmental legislation.

Additional Comments:

- Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions on my answers.