



2020 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 66

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?

- Uncertain

I would need to know more about the numbers here. Personally, due to recycling provided by my town, I do not specifically redeem bottles or cans. Rather, I recycle them through my town's recycling program. I'm not sure if that is considered in the 50% cited above. Either way, I am absolutely in favor of updating legislation to reflect and address the realities of the environmental problems in front of us.

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?

- My top environmental priority will be working to move Connecticut from fossil fuel based power generation into renewable based power generation. It boots us very little to recycle if the recycling plant produces more carbon than it saves due to power consumption. Same is true for electric vehicles and homes. This will potentially have the added benefit of job growth as well as providing Connecticut with its own power generation plants that would save on "delivery" costs that currently dominate headlines.

Additional Comments:

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